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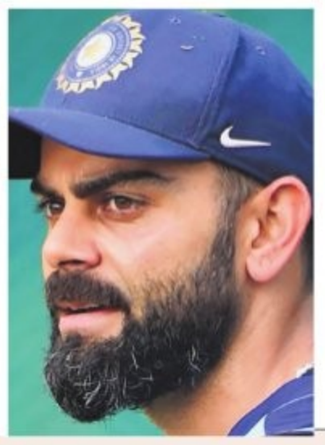

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VIRAT KOHLI HEADLINES ICC'S PLAYERS OF DECADE HONOURS

India captain wins Sir Garfield Sobers award for the best Male Cricketer of the Decade. Named ODI Player of the Decade too.

BEATS DE VILLIERS, SANGA TO TOP AWARD

Kohli beat R Ashwin, Joe Root, Kumar Sangakkara, Steve Smith, AB de Villiers and Kane Williamson for Player of the Decade award. 66 out of his 70 international centuries came in this decade. He was also the batsman with most fifties (94), most runs (20,396), besides having the maximum average (56.97) among players with 70 innings | **P13**

DHONI WINS SPIRIT OF CRICKET AWARD

- MS Dhoni won the 'ICC Spirit of Cricket Award of the Decade', chosen by fans for his gesture of calling back England batsman Ian Bell after a bizarre run out in the Nottingham Test in 2011
- Steve Smith was chosen the Test Cricketer of the Decade, while Afghanistan's Rashid Khan bagged the top prize in T20Is

KOHLI IS THE ONLY PLAYER TO MAKE IT TO THREE ICC TEAMS OF THE DECADE

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New Year's gift, Covishield to get nod soon: Serum Institute

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA & CHETANA BELAGERE
@ New Delhi, Bengaluru

ADAR Poonawalla, CEO of Serum Institute of India, on Monday said that regulatory approvals for Covid-19 vaccine Covishield in India are expected in a "few days".

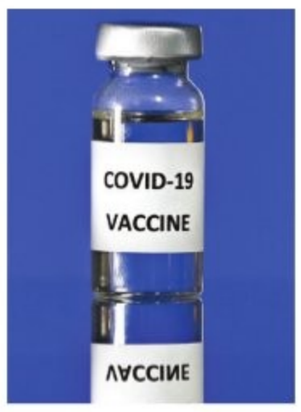
The statement comes days after the company, the Indian manufacturing and clinical trial partner for the vaccine by Oxford University and AstraZeneca, submitted additional data to the Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation for evaluation in follow up to its application for the emergency-use authorisation of the vaccine.

The CDSCO is waiting for the UK to give the nod to the vaccine first. Asked if SII is anxious about the approval not coming through, Poonawalla said, "We must respect the drug regulator's decision to completely review the clinical evaluations in other countries and in India to ascertain the safety and immunogenicity standards of the vaccine before granting any emergency authorisation for the vaccine here."

Poonawalla, while launching the first indigenously developed pneumonia vaccine for children in the country, also said that his firm is ready with a stockpile of about 40-50 million doses of Covishield.

Covishield is being tested on about 1,700 individuals in the country as part of a multi-country Phase 3 trial of the vaccine which has shown about 70 per cent accuracy on an average in two different dosing regimens.

In response to a query on how much of the readied stockpile will the country get, he said, "India has such a large population that we will probably end up giving the majority of those 50 million doses here first." **P9**



SII DEVELOPS PNEUMONIA VACCINE

New Delhi: Serum Institute of India on Monday launched the country's first indigenously developed pneumococcal vaccine PNEUMOSIL for children in the presence of Union health minister Dr Harsh Vardhan

Wednesday date set for fresh talks with farmers

Unions accept govt invite; no meeting ground yet on the 3 laws

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE sixth round of talks between the government and the agitating farmers will be held on Wednesday, with the Centre sending a formal invite to 40 kisan unions on Monday. The unions have also conveyed their consent.

Union Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Aggarwal's letter referred to the response of the unions on December 26, accepting the Centre's offer for talks, and invited them to Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi at 2 pm on December 30 for the dialogue. He reiterated the Centre's commitment to find a 'logical resolution' with an open mind and clear intention.

"During this meeting, the concerns of farmers regarding the three farm laws, system of procurement on MSP, ordinance 2020 on Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, besides amending the draft Electricity Amendment Bill, 2020, would be discussed in detail," the one-page letter stated.

But arriving at a common ground will not be easy, as the farmer unions want nothing short of the repeal of the three laws, while the Centre is willing to make amendments, but not take the rollback road.

When the Samyukt Kisan Morcha, an umbrella group of 40 farmer unions, wrote to the government on Saturday, proposing talks, it had laid out a stiff four-point agenda, beginning with the modalities for repealing the three laws. The Centre's letter on Monday mentions the other three points flagged by the unions, but skirts the repeal part.

Bharatiya Kisan Union (Lakhowal) general secretary Harinder Singh Lakhowal said, "We decided to attend the December 30 meeting, as we do not want to give the government any chance to say that the farmers backed out of discussions. However, there is no change in our demands."

Reacting to the vandalisation of over 1,500 telecom towers in Punjab so far, Lakhowal said, "We did not give any call to cut power supply to towers of a specific mobile company, as it would affect studies of students at the time of the pandemic. We only requested people to get their mobile numbers ported to any other mobile operators in protest."

As for the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee, it found the Centre's letter cleverly worded, while not willing to discuss the full agenda proposed by the farmers. **P9**

Farmers during their agitation, at Ghazipur border in New Delhi on Monday | PTI

'Pawar wanted to do it'

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said former PM Manmohan Singh and agriculture minister Sharad Pawar wanted to bring farm reforms during UPA rule, but couldn't due to political pressure

Govt to survey migrants, help them with social security

MG CHETAN @ Bengaluru

The State Government has decided to conduct a survey of those who returned to their villages from cities at the height of Covid-19 pandemic to allow them to get social security through various government schemes.

The Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) has been tasked with the job of collecting details of these migrants. The survey was expected to be launched over a month ago but had to be stalled as the model code of conduct for the Gram Panchayat elections kicked in. The Panchayat Raj department officials are now gearing up to launch the survey soon.

As per the data already available with the officials, around 3.5 lakh people returned to villages till May. "The numbers may have increased now. During the survey, their name, age, number of dependents, etc. will be collected. Also, details of the work they used to do in cities and whether they are employed in villages will be gathered." **P3**

1. Gathering of five or more people and celebrating New Year on public roads and in public places strictly prohibited
2. Managements of establishments shall allow guests only with advance bookings, for which a proof of booking shall be issued
3. **Prohibitory orders to be in place from 6 pm on December 31, 2020, to 6 am on January 1, 2021**
4. No New Year's Eve celebration of any type, involving a large gathering shall be held in any open place, parks or grounds
5. Hotels, malls, restaurants, clubs, pubs, club houses or similar establishments hosting New Year celebrations shall not organise any special events such as DJ nights, music shows, bands, dance programmes or performances

• **FULL REPORT P2**

Apart from the associated tragedies and challenges, the Year 2020 will be remembered for several health reasons

A YEAR WHEN HEALTH TOOK OVER OUR MINDSPACE

DR GIRIDHARA R BABU

2020 A YEAR TO REMEMBER FORGET

As the world began to respond to the pandemic, the premise was that LMICs (low and middle-income countries) like India would have major problems, since the developed countries didn't do well. This was supported by health security indicators which rank the US and UK at first and second position. Not only did this idea have to bite the dust, but India also showed how to swiftly mount a response, inspire countries in the region and emerge as a vaccine powerhouse for the world. 2020 is a year that belongs to South Asian nations, regarding how well the region did its best in healthcare, although much of the action remains.

2020 can be better remembered as a year for prioritising health. Although it requires many course corrections, health was on election manifestos, in public discourse, and on everyone's mind. 2020 is also a watershed moment for showcasing India's capacity for innovative solutions that usher in hope to resolve chronic problems plaguing healthcare delivery.

These include massive scale-up of supply chain systems for healthcare services, fast-tracking the review of rapid diagnostic kits and vaccines, use of technology such as Aarogya Setu or other apps. There are caveats to this optimistic scenario. First, ethics and efficacy of interventions are as important as the speed of delivery. Next, tech solutions cannot be black mystery boxes but should complement the health system's existing capacity and strengths. A review of ideas used during the crisis can guide the initiation of transformational changes in the future.

At times, the country heard from epidemiologists, virologists and immunologists in shaping the Covid-19 response. One would not expect an economist to do heart surgery, but we still heavily rely on a popular doctor or economist's advice on how to manage epidemics.

If nothing else, 2020 should be remembered for the need to create and nurture a competent and professional public health workforce. This is possible by hiring and offering better salaries for domain experts and investing in improving their efficiency through constant training and reorientation. All these experts need to undergo leadership development programmes focusing on improving the overall quality and efficiency of the health system response.

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HOUSE

SESSION IN JANUARY

A Legislative session is likely to be held in January, and the state cabinet has discussed the issue. However, the date for the session has not yet been decided | **P4**

Classes 8, 9 may reopen from Jan 15: Kumar

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DETERMINED to get offline classes rolling soon, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar is considering getting students of Classes 8 and 9 to physical classrooms from January 15, besides writing to all the legislators and district administrators to advise, instruct and guide officials of various departments on the resumption of Classes 10 and 12 from January 1.

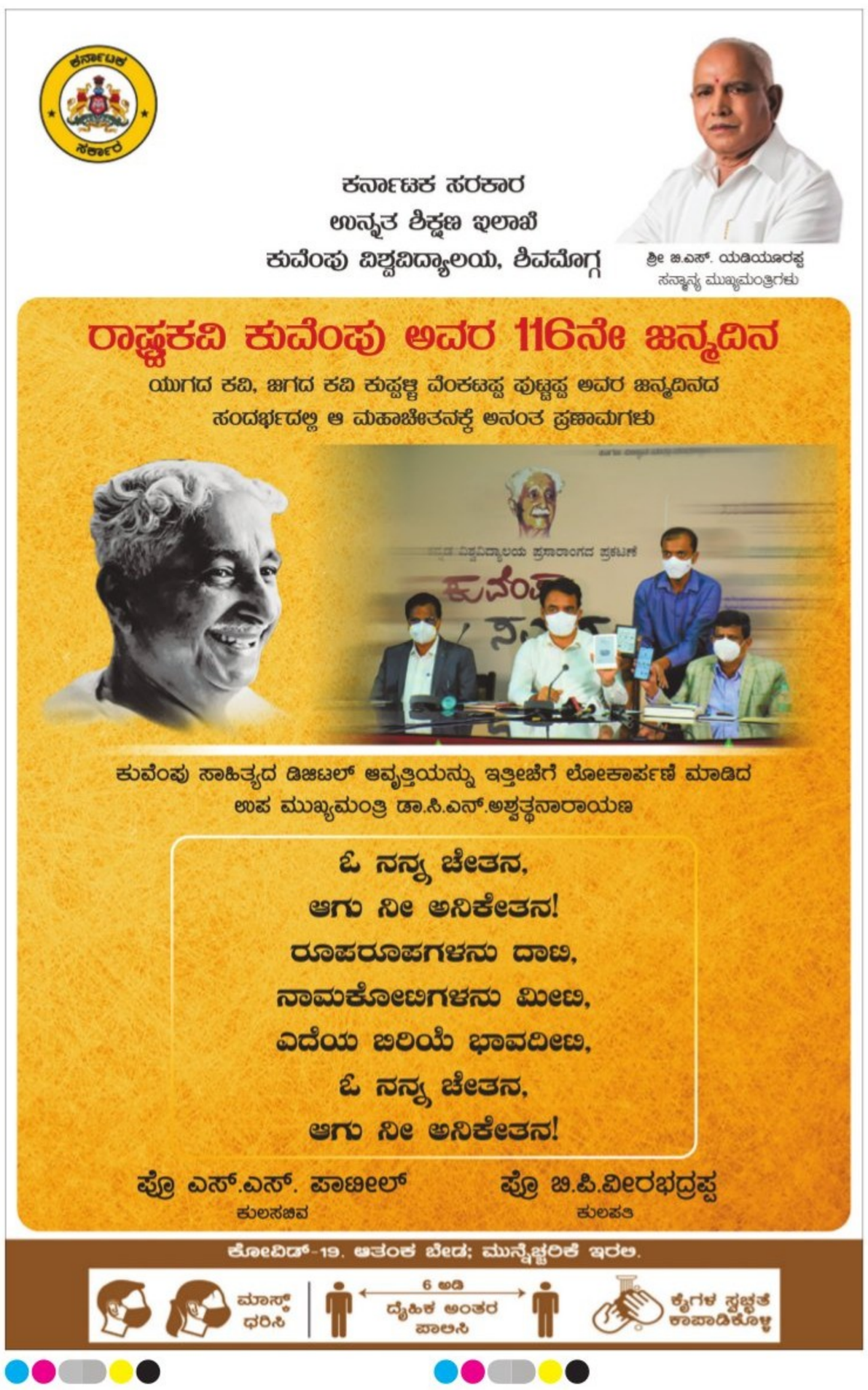
While it was already decided to reopen offline classes for Class 11 from January 15 after keeping a close watch on the performance of reopening and conduct of Classes 10 and 12 from January 1, Kumar on Monday said he is now considering how it can be extended to Classes 8 and 9 too from January 15. But an official decision is yet to be taken.

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar separately said, "I will have a meeting with Suresh Kumar to discuss the reopening of schools and PU colleges after the cabinet meeting. Covid cases and deaths have reduced and there is no need to panic."

Suresh Kumar is seeking the coordination of all departments concerned to reopen the classes on the lines of successfully conducting the SSLC exam in the districts with Covid-19 safety protocols in place. The SOPs applied for holding the SSLC exam so impressed the Central authorities that the UPSC, too, has decided to adopt them for holding various exams. **P2**

Dept mulls reopening of govt schools

Suresh Kumar, during an interaction with educationist V P Niranjanaradhya, said he will consider the latter's suggestion to reopen government schools with fewer students



ALMANAC TODAY
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• Nakshatra: Mrigashira 5.23 pm • Moon in Mithuna Rashi • Rahukaala: 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 16°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST Sunny

Sunrise 6.40 am
Sunset 6.03 pm
Moonrise 5.25 pm
Moonset 5.47 am

Low-key New Year's Eve in Bengaluru this year

Hotels, malls, pubs can't hold special events, govt order says

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THIS year, MG Road, Brigade Road and other hotspots which see hundreds of revellers on New Year's Eve, may not be erupting in noise and cheer. In view of the prevailing Covid-19 situation in Bengaluru and with the fresh threat of a new Covid-19 strain detected in the UK and spreading to other countries, the Bengaluru police have issued the ban orders prohibiting the gathering of five or more people in public spaces.

City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant on Monday evening issued the prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code across the city from 6 pm on December 31 to 6 am on January 1, 2021. The city police said all preventive and precautionary measures need to be taken to contain the spread of Covid.

The order stated that no New Year's celebrations of any type involving large gatherings shall be held in any open place, parks, grounds etc. However, in-house celebrations in residential complexes and private clubs may be held for their residents and members, respectively, without organising special events.

The police have directed the management of food and beverage establishments to allow guests only with advance booking and ensure that no crowd is allowed to wait outside the restaurant premises.

Hotels, malls, restaurants, clubs, pubs, club houses or any similar type of establishments holding New Year's celebrations cannot organise special DJ events, shows, programmes or performances, musical nights and musical bands or dance programmes, the order stated.

However, they may carry on regular business activity, including music within permissible levels, while following Covid safety protocol.

108 ambulances gear up for NYE emergencies

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

WITH road accidents climbing up on the eve of New Year, the Arogya Kavacha '108' ambulance service is strengthening its fleet across Karnataka to minimize the loss of lives.

According to the Karnataka state police, the number of accidents rise by around 30-35% during New Year celebrations.

The highest number of emergency vehicles - 71 ambulances and 19 bike ambulances - will be deployed in Bengaluru city limits as it witnesses a large number of New Year celebrations.

Mohammed Aasif, Programme Manager, Bangalore Urban District, TNIE, "The '108' Ambulance Service is closely coordinating with the Karnataka Police Department. It will liaise directly with a senior officer in police control rooms in cities such as Bengaluru, Mysuru, Hubballi, Belagavi and Mangaluru, where New Year celebrations are likely to peak, to reach the accident locations at the earliest."

This will ensure that ambulances will be available for accidents cases where the victim suffers life-threatening injuries. Information on multiple accidents casualties would be immediately shared with the departments of police, fire safety and rescue, and health.

As there was a huge flow of calls to the 108 call centre, additional resources would be made available to the Bengaluru Emergency Response Centre along with Emergency Response Centre Physicians. The mobile numbers of the ambulances and support staff have been shared with police patrol vehicles and the Police Control Room in the event of any urgency.

He explained that the mobile phone networks are likely to be congested between 11.45pm and 12.30am on New Year's Day; ambulances would be deployed near police stations/government hospitals/fire stations etc to get information on accidents through the police wireless network.

Based on the data on accidents from previous years, the '108' service providers have identified locations with the maximum probability of accidents in all the above mentioned cities.

Mohammed Aasif explained that around 10% of the total 711 ambulances have undergone service and maintenance in advance to ensure they are in working condition. Meanwhile, service providers have also decided to deploy extra ambulances where more emergencies are expected.

Weekly offs and leaves of the call centre and ambulance staff will be cancelled to have adequate availability of staff. "Advance fuelling, medical and oxygen supplies in all ambulances has been upped," the service provider said.

No December 31 parties at Nandi Hills

New Year celebrations atop Nandi Hills have been prohibited. Tourists will not be allowed from December 30 to January 2, Chikkaballapur district administration has said.

Violators, beware!

Those who violate guidelines issued by the State and Centre with regard to New Year celebrations, can be prosecuted under the Disaster Management Act, Epidemic Disease Act

2020 A YEAR TO REMEMBER FORGET

TNIE will showcase the year gone by in a series of evocative photographs that capture the spirit of the times

LONG ROAD

Migrant workers walking along railway tracks as they head home to Chhattisgarh from Bengaluru in May, when the lockdown was at its peak | EXPRESS

KEEP OUT

Barricades around the houses of Covid-positive patients, which seemed strange in the first couple of months, later became a common sight | SHRIRAM BN

SILENT CITY

Bengaluru's Outer Ring Road, infamous for chock-a-block traffic, eerily empty in April, a week into the nationwide lockdown | MEGHANA SASTRY

Let's follow SSLC example: Minister

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IN his letter to the MLAs, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has suggested the guidelines and the high-level committee, headed by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, has given a green signal to reopen offline classes with local administrations taking care of the sanitisation and cleanliness of schools. "Despite Covid, the SSLC exam was successfully held due to your support, and I seek it for the resumption of classes," he said in his letter to legislators and ministers. "It is important to get our children back to learning by reopening schools, and it is not a programme for a day or a week. Throughout the academic year, the help that the schools require has increased," he added.

He said the Vidyagama programme will also continue on the school premises, with students arriving in small groups. "Their protection should be given prime importance. It's our duty to ensure that students feel as safe as they are at home," he said.

A healthy environment should be created by the district administrator and Zilla Panchayat CEO and necessary directions should be given to various department officials, he said.

'Declare Aghanashini estuary as Ramsar site'

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THOUGH Karnataka is rich in biodiversity, it is also one of the few states which does not have a single Ramsar site. Now, to protect the wetlands and mangroves along the Aghanashini river in Uttara Kannada district, IISc researchers, ecologists and marine biologists are demanding the government declare Aghanashini Estuary as a Ramsar Convention site.

The 1975 Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, commonly known as the Ramsar Convention, is a global agreement promoting wetland conservation.

Prof T V Ramachandra from Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, reminded the government and Karnataka Biodiversity Board chairman Ananth Hegde Ashisar on Monday about the long-pending proposal to declare Aghanashini as a Ramsar site.

Speaking at the inauguration of, "Lake 2020: Conference on Ecosystem Structure, Function, Goods and Services", he said two years ago a proposal was placed before the Ramsar Board, which agreed and asked the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change to send a formal proposal. The ministry in turn asked the state government to send the proposal, but nothing came of it. "So now we are asking the Biodiversity Board to look into the proposal and declare the site," he said.

A marine expert said, "We had proposed to declare four sites along Aghanashini river and four along Kali river. It would be ideal if the entire backwaters of Aghanashini is declared a Ramsar site. The advantages are that it will draw international funding for protection, the 1,800-acre port land will be protected from commercialisation, the area which is rich in bird population and endemic, and endangered plants will also be protected."

Biodiversity Board chairman Ashisar said: "We will take up the proposal with the government. The forest department already has it. It is the rarest estuary where salt is made with fresh river water."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

29th December: Strong lunar patterns indicate steadily increasing energy and enthusiasm. What would my advice be? Well, I'd say that it's a perfect moment for planning new enterprises – even if not necessarily launching them until you are good and ready. By the way, even the best stars do not indicate success without vital hard graft.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
One way or another you must rise above little disappointments and rejections, and the best way to do this is to stop thinking about yourself and see what you can do for others. Do try to be as charming as possible in all situations - and get partners to see that pleasant manners can help them, too.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Decide whether one particular friendship or emotional connection is worth maintaining on its present level. Otherwise think about what you can do to make your life more enjoyable and creative. After all, you were put on this planet to relish life's pleasures.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You could not ask for more support from home, even though family members may not be much use unless you demonstrate to all and sundry that you have a firm direction and that you know exactly what you are doing. You must assert your authority first, and then exercise it with wisdom.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Deeply favourable aspects relate to travel stars and connections with people in other places. Quite simply it is an excellent moment to pick up your pen, get on the phone and get in touch. You might even be surprised by some of the hidden truths which come to light.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There's still a strong emphasis on cost, and you may be inhibited by the feeling that there's something you want, but can't afford. There may be a way around almost any obstacle, but you must persuade others that you need their unqualified backing.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You have the advantage, and a number of emotional trump cards are still in your hand. Do be aware though, that as money becomes a more important consideration, so you may shift your position over a number of relationships. Give partners time to catch up.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Give your mystical and spiritual aspirations a bit of extra space today. There is a great deal to be said for spending some time by yourself, and also in thinking deeply about what exactly it is that makes partners tick. The answers might be surprising.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
There is far too much at stake for you to lose control now. Venus' occupation of your chart makes it clear that at work your best chances come from improving relationships with colleagues. In fact, business and pleasure may merge in an intriguing manner.

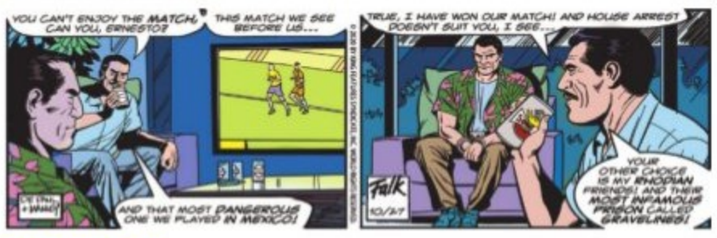
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Even people you have dealt with in the past could turn out to be unreliable, but by the same token, people you thought untrustworthy will eventually prove their true worth. Don't judge others by appearances! You might even have been wrong in your assessment of a close friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Solving those daily problems is all a matter of common sense! Check out legal questions and, in all areas, consider the ethical issues. Establish a sense of moral purpose, free from dogma, and you'll manage your practical affairs very much more efficiently in future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You are very likely to find that aspects of your personal life have changed out of all recognition. You're now entering a period of consolidation which could continue until the next bout of change in about two or three months' time. Prepare your ground with all due care.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You may allow life to take its own course, pressing ahead with your personal plans, but allowing partners to imagine that everything is going their way. It's all a matter of being as diplomatic as you can! Events will work out in your favour, but perhaps not exactly as you expect.

THE PHANTOM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AND THAT MOST DANGEROUS ONE WE PLAYED IN MEXICO!
TRUE, I HAVE WON OUR MATCH! AND HOUSE ARREST DOESN'T SUIT YOU, I SEE...
YOUR OTHER CHOICE IS MY RHODIAN FRIENDS! AND THEIR MOST INFAMOUS PRISON CALLED GRAVELINES!
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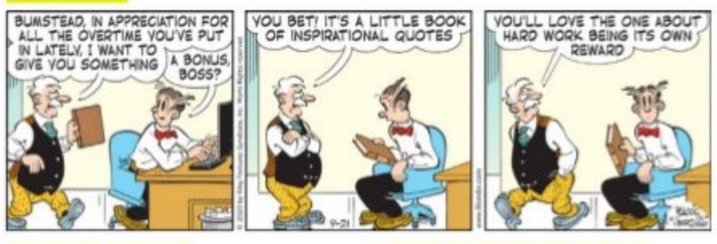
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YOU'LL LOVE THE ONE ABOUT HARD WORK BEING ITS OWN REWARD

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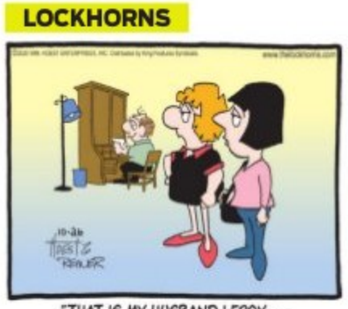

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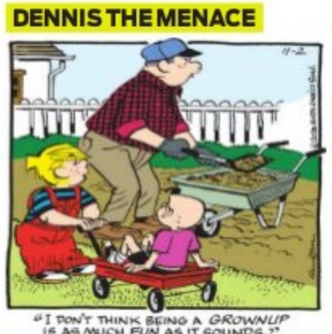

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

2	9	5	8	6	3	7	1	4
6	8	3	1	7	4	5	2	9
7	4	1	2	9	5	8	3	6
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3	7	2	5	4	9	6	8	1
8	6	4	9	1	2	3	7	5
5	3	7	4	8	6	1	9	2
1	2	9	3	5	7	4	6	8

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FSULH
WORFN
TOMONI
CILATI

Tom called. He's not coming to fix the holes and cracks.
He texted me earlier. I'll take care of his work.
THE CAULK AND PUTTY GUY WAS OUT, BUT THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE WHO COULD ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HOTLY TAKEN ROTATE INWARD
Answer: They had returned, and everyone agreed that the Apollo 11 astronauts were — DOWN TO EARTH

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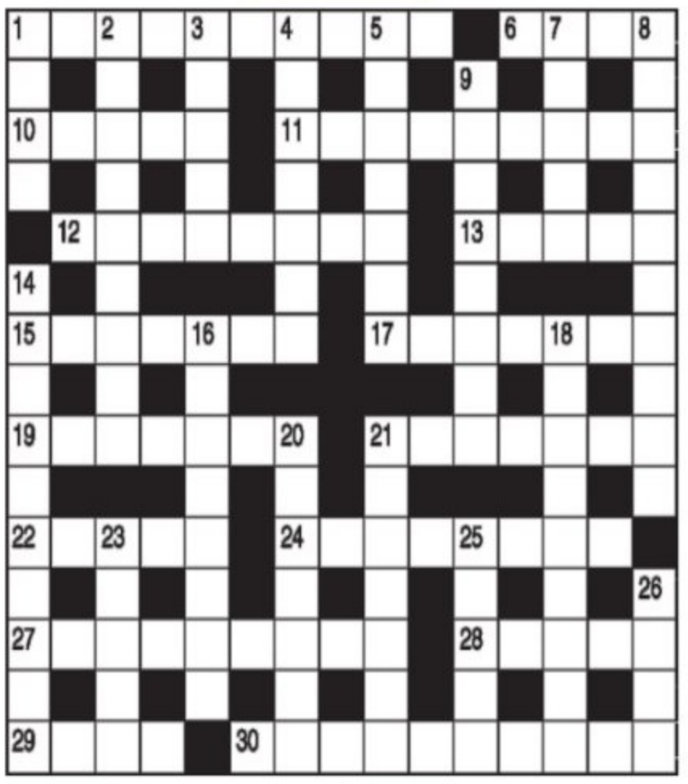
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 I'll repeat what's said for those unable to read (10)
6 Enough for a poet; no two ways about it (4)
10 I break a little back bone (5)
11 Break in (9)
12 A union offer? (8)
13 Niggard who would be sad if able (5)
15 Performer makes a start that is different (7)
17 One statue oddly placed (7)
19 Mussolini is in debt and impoverished (7)
21 Strong wind spoiled a celebration (7)
22 Hose in New York left running (5)
24 Ordered out from Las Vegas is able to save (8)
27 Where pirates flourished mostly (2,3,4)
28 Simple but revealing (5)
29 Departed to travel northeast (4)
30 As a grouch he has to go over to settle a quarrel (10)

DOWN

1 I turn to a trifle (4)
2 Wild bear I'd let free (9)
3 Go for a long walk - or take up afternoon painting (5)
4 Reproduce? (2-5)
5 The start in latest development produces gossip (7)
7 One doesn't have to have them (5)
8 Warn omelet is off but may still be eaten (10)
9 Comparatively timely help for the player (8)
14 Giving justification for fighting talk (10)
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South Asia handled pandemic well: Study

Most countries were unprepared for Covid-19 crisis, but kept mortality rates low, researchers said

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DESPITE a low level of pandemic preparedness, the South Asian region has done well in mounting an appropriate response and has shown notably lower rate of deaths due to Covid-19, a study has found.

A paper titled 'Pandemic Preparedness and Response to COVID-19 in South Asian Countries' said, "There was a low level of pandemic preparedness in the South Asian region, despite that the region has a lower rate and proportion of deaths attributed to COVID-19, despite case surges similar to the rest of the world."

Authored by researchers from the Indian Institute of Public Health, the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department of Philippines, and the Emory University School of Medicine, USA, was published last week in the International Journal of Infectious Diseases.

Comprising eight countries - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka - the South Asian region is home to one-fifth of the world's population, accounts for 21% of the total reported Covid-19 cases and 11% of deaths worldwide, noted the study.

A health worker takes a swab sample from a passenger at Majestic Bust Stand, Bengaluru, on Monday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Initial projections had placed South Asia at a higher risk of suffering more fatalities because of the high population density, greater burden of comorbidities, socioeconomic vulnerabilities and poor healthcare infrastructure.

Interestingly, the study found that factors such as a younger population (average age of 25), arrival of Covid-19 pandemic later than in other countries, early lockdowns and some level of general immunity, lack of prompt reporting of fatalities which may have resulted in an underestimation of deaths, may have helped India and other South Asian countries keep the mortality rate down, compared to other countries.

"Early lockdown and timely intervention for prevention and response, potential role of cross-reactive immunity on reducing disease severity, emerging evidence suggesting asymptomatic and mildly symptomatic patients have high SARS-CoV2 specific cytotoxic T-cell responses," could also have helped keep fatalities down.

Lacunae in the system

The study also says that Covid-19 has revealed the vulnerabilities of the health system as a whole. "South Asian nations do not have robust national plans, guidelines, or laws that account for the surveillance and control of multiple zoonotic pathogens of public health concern. Antibiotics are easily available in most of these nations without prescription and can contribute to antimicrobial resistance," Dr Giridhara Babu, senior epidemiologist and one of the authors of the study.

Health care is poorly funded in most of these countries and although laboratories test some pathogens of importance, they cannot test all. All the South Asian countries have an impoverished health workforce and have less than one field epidemiologist per 2,00,000 people. The study noted that the current situation has demonstrated the kind of devastating effect COVID-19 has had on the economies of these countries.

Devastation

The paper also talks about the economic damage, and its spillover impact on the health of people in these countries.

"As an after-effect, it is speculated that the South Asian economies will shrink, for the first time in four decades. This will affect the livelihoods and well-being of the people. This could lead to an estimated 132 million people being pushed into extreme poverty. This will also widen the inequalities in the vulnerable group, including a rise in food insecurity and poor health. These hurdles reverse the gains made by these countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals," the study said.

In the long run, non-communicable diseases, coupled with inadequate primary healthcare systems, can contribute to higher mortality and morbidity as a result of the Covid crisis, it added. The study calls for introspection and for scaling up preparedness for inevitable pandemics in future, and improving the health of the population overall.

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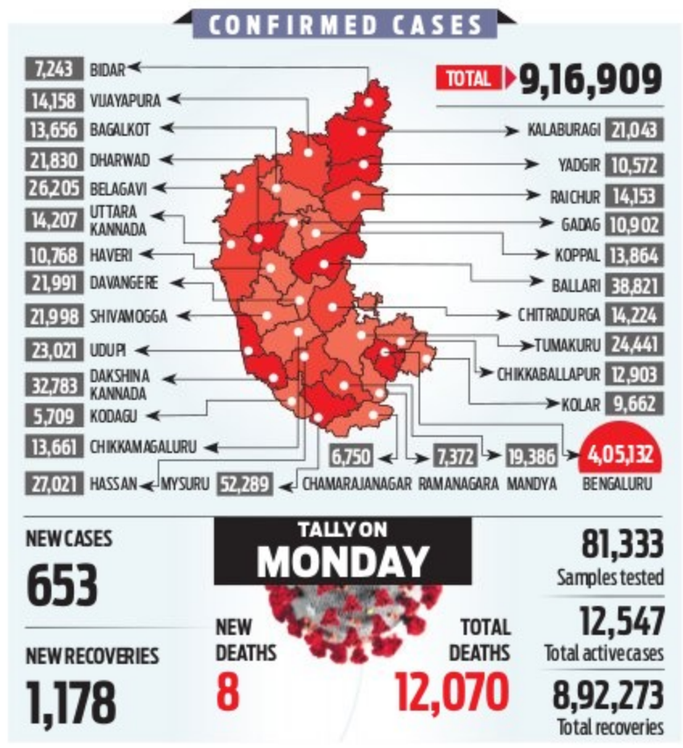

'Action against UK returnees in hiding'

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KARNATAKA Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Monday hinted at stringent action against returnees from the United Kingdom who were untraceable, and had switched off their mobile phones. He held a meeting with Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai to discuss the issue of returnees who could not be traced.

"They must coordinate with us as responsible citizens. Switching off phones and avoiding testing is a crime. In all, 1,614 UK returnees were tested until Sunday evening, and of these, 26 people tested positive. Their samples have been sent to NIMHANS for genomic sequencing and the results will be forwarded to ICMR. There is no delay, we are just following a uniform protocol," Sudhakar said.

The 26 people are healthy, are in hospital and do not have serious symptoms. Those who are untraceable will be tracked soon with the help of Home department officials, he said.

Commenting on Covaxine trials which are in phase 3, he said the results are good, with 95 per cent of the people not displaying side-effects, and showing improved immunity. He attended the inauguration of 'Arogya Soudha', the newly-constructed administrative building complex of the health and family welfare department on Magadi Road in Bengaluru, inaugurated by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa.

He said the government's aim is to build a medical college in every district. There are nine districts which have no government medical colleges, and the government is planning to construct medical colleges here under PPP or any other suitable model. District hospitals and super speciality hospitals will be attached to these colleges, Sudhakar said.

Meanwhile, Sudhakar laid the foundation stone for the Homeopathy and Unani University near Magadi Road. He said the demand for Unani and Homeopathy medication increased during the pandemic.

EXPRESS READ

ICMR to give status report on UK returnees' tests

Bengaluru: The Union health ministry has called for a press briefing on Tuesday, with the focus likely to be on UK returnees. Sources in the health ministry said the ICMR will give out a status report on Covid-19 positive samples collected from UK returnees, sent from laboratories of the respective states. As per sources, the Prime Minister's Office issued a gag order on states not to announce reports of any samples. "Samples from Nimhans in Bengaluru, if confirmed positive for the new strain of the virus, may be retested at the National Institute of Virology lab in Pune. Similarly, for other states. The government doesn't want people to panic," said a source. ENS

APP TO HELP IN SURVEY OF MIGRANTS

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"THE survey will help us understand their health, economic and social status, allowing us to identify their needs, which can be addressed through various government schemes," an official said.

To help the surveyors, a mobile app -- 'Karnataka Migrants Tracking & Social Protection Framework' -- has been developed. "The staff of Gram Panchayats, who will be given the survey work, will feed the details into the mobile app. This makes the work of collating data easy and allows to reach out to the needy soon," the official said, adding that this is the first such initiative in the country.

Commissioner for Panchayat Raj, Priyanka Mary Francis, told The New Indian Express that the survey will be started within 15 days. "The Gram Panchayat staff have been allotted the survey work. We expect it to get over soon," he added.

XPRESS FOCUS

'MILLIONS ARE SUFFERING IN SILENCE! LET'S MAKE THEM SMILE'

Dr. Parameshwar, Founder and CEO of Smiles Institute of Gastroenterology throws light on 'The Untouched areas of healthcare — Colo Rectal disorders. Piles, Fissure, Fistula, and related disorders'.

FOR Dr. Parameshwar C M, Chief Colo Rectal Surgeon and founder & CEO of Smiles Institute of Gastroenterology, a specialty hospital and centre of excellence for colorectal disorders, if you can tame 'dirt' in a person, cleanliness comes secondary, it is the smile of relief that becomes primary. Having fully dedicated himself to treating colorectal problems after mastering every technique from various experts, he is today one of the top specialists in the field. He speaks about his journey into the domain of colorectal surgeries, the neglected state of the speciality, the taboo associated with the diseases, the causes, treatment, and his pride -- Smiles Institute of Gastroenterology.

Tell us about your foray into the colorectal territory.

After many failures in life, especially civil services, which I could not make it through, I got into the medical field and landed up in Mandya where I was teaching surgery at the Mandya Medical College for 14 years.

In 2011, while working in Mandya, my junior from Bangalore Medical College had a fissure. He approached a quack who inadvertently cut his sphincter muscles, and he lost control of his stool. He then went to his junior at Bangalore Medical College who further caused damage and he lost complete control of his sphincters. He was home locked for over two years. Before he decided to commit suicide, the last call was to me. I convinced him somehow and took him to Mandya and rehabilitated him. I was not an expert but I consulted many experts in the country. Today, he is married and leading a comfortable life.

A complex specialisation, how did you master it over time?

After working in surgery department for 12 years, I started getting trained in Colo-proctology. Generally, when people take up MS General surgery after MBBS to become surgeons, Colo-proctology, which they call 'Bottom', because it is lower end of the gastrointestinal system, is the most neglected field. When we think of surgery, many common fields come to our minds but nobody thinks or talks about colorectal surgery because it is a 'dirty' field. Secondly, they say even quacks practice and so why should we opt for it.

Given the 'bottom' tag to the surgery, the surgery practices were not proper and as a result, by the time I passed MS in 2000, I had 'mastered' all wrong techniques, which continued for some years. And this is the bitter truth with any surgeon practicing in the country.

I soon realised the blunder, and religiously trained in the speciality for five years, and then became an expert.

Tell us about your initiatives to treat colorectal problems.

After my colorectal training, I did a pilot in Mandya. I studied about the number of people in the rural areas, how and why women get colorectal problems, their lifestyles, etc. I started the hospital with the branding of 'Smiles', the ideation for which started in 2011. The moment we started awareness programs in Mandya, the footfalls in the OPD's started increasing, people stopped going to quacks and started coming to our clinic to share the colo-rectal problems. The idea revolved around the awareness on colorectal problems which was not there in any part of the country.

About 28 lakh families in old Mysore region were covered, and last year we got the 'Best National Social Awareness Campaign by Healthcare Industries'.

In 2014, we started in Bangalore with Smiles Institute of Gastroenterology as a brand. We have satellite clinics at HSR Layout, Devanahalli and Queen's Road.

Why do people shy away from sharing colorectal problems or anal problem?

For the patient, telling about piles, fissure or fistula or any kind of anal rectal problem, is taboo. It is embarrassing, irrespective of the strata. Average suffering in silence by any person with colorectal problem is about 9 years. A pregnant woman having piles and fissure gets further aggravated.

But even after telling the family, many go to quacks and that further aggravates. And then they come to us and it is often too late.

Why is there no regulation when it comes to quacks?

According to the European Society of Colo-proctology Journal, Dr. Praveen J Gupta published a paper in which he states that there are about 1.5 million quacks operating in India related to colorectal problems. Deep rooted corruption is one reason why we cannot regulate the quacks. Another contributing factor that encourages quacks is the secrecy that the patient wants to keep since these quacks are located in small by lanes.

What are the main causes of Colorectal diseases?

Majority of colorectal problems, about 90 per cent, are lifestyle related. Irregular sleep, no water intake, food habits, online ordering, no fibre, no physical activity, sleepless nights with social media, etc. contribute immensely.

What caution would you suggest? And what about the other 10 per cent?

Eating all vegetables growing under or above the earth, and fruits. People should sleep well, have enough water. Regular health check up with stool examination is a must.

The remaining 10 per cent are due to other disorders like Tuberculosis, Crohn's disease, a type of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), Actinomycosis, Polyps, etc. This is increasing due to environmental changes, our food, the junk and processed food, all going into the gut.

What are the symptoms?

Generally any person suffering from anal canal or rectal symptoms they think it is piles. They come to doctor with a complaint of piles. In reality it is not! There are hundreds of diseases in the anal canal for which people think it is piles only. If you go to any quacks or any other general medicine practitioner who has no knowledge of colo-proctology, they would treat the complaint as piles only. Any person suffering from bleeding when passing stool, burning, pain, difficulty, swelling or pus discharge from anus, loss of weight, loss of appetite, constipation, diarrhoea should immediately consult a medical practitioner who is a specialist in this particular area. Not necessarily all symptoms in anus is piles.

What is the right time to go for a check up?

If you are over 50 years of age, with or without symptoms, and if your father or mother has colon cancer, benign or malignant, you have to go for a colon cancer screening every once in a year.

Tell us about the myths surrounding colorectal problems.

People think that piles, fissure and fistula come down to them from their families. It is a myth. But genetics in colon cancer or inflammatory bowel disease is a fact. Another myth is home remedies for fissure, piles, fistula or constipation.

Eating pork can cure the disease is another myth.

How about R&D in the field?

Research and innovation did not exist for colorectal problems. In the recent times, the Association of the Colorectal Surgeons in the world and India, have become active. After that some recent advances have been coming into place. For example, laser of Piles and fistula, Doppler-Guided Haemorrhoid Artery Ligation, robotic surgeries, etc. are available. These procedures are painless, bloodless with quick recoveries.

We are working with Agency for Medical Innovation, Italy and Austria, and we are their technology partners. we are also partner with India Institute of Science.

How about qualified surgeons in the future?

In the future there will be no dearth of colorectal surgeons. Mainly because the Association of Colorectal of India is active, and they are awarding fellowship programmes. We at Smiles Institute have also trained 600 colorectal nurses, and 80 surgeons. The notion of 'dirty' is slowly going.

Why is it that people from abroad are coming to Bangalore for treatment?

From the US, UK, and Canada, most patients coming to us are for fistula treatment. To treat, diagnose or operate a fistula you need special techniques and best experts. Fortunately, the best fistula scanning centre in the world happens to be in India, in Bangalore. It is Hopkins Scanning Centre on Queen's Road. For fistula procedure, I can confidently state that I am the best in the India.

How equipped in Smiles?

We have the latest technologies for the entire range of colorectal problems. Except the robot, we have the latest four generation lasers, latest laparoscope and endoscope, colon hydro therapy, endo-anal ultra sound, etc. Smiles was the first in Bangalore to have laser surgeries for piles and fistula day care procedures which are painless, bloodless with faster recoveries. We are the first in Bangalore to start the star procedure and colon hydrotherapy.

Tell us about your Institute.

We have an institute where we are now planning a One and half year fellowship in colorectal surgery. It will be the first fellowship programme on colorectal surgery. Right now we have 3-week, 3-month and 2-day programmes.

We are the best centre for piles, fissure, fistula, constipation, colon cancers. Any person can reach us at +91 80990 08800. One can also visit us at www.siicp.com or www.drparameshwar.com

How about expansion plans?

We plan expanding to South India, especially in Karnataka's cities like Mangaluru, Mysuru, Belagavi. Later, we will look at cities in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

According to you, at the national level, what are the challenges?

While there are many national-level programmes for many diseases, there is no national programme for colorectal problems. Niti Aayog has listened to us to create awareness on the issue and has promised to take it up post Covid.

Also, there is no colorectal cancer awareness in India. The month of March is Colorectal cancer awareness month in the West, and we are have been celebrating and creating awareness since 4 years now.

What is your message to the common man?

Never ignore a symptom like bleeding, pus discharge, irritation, burning, pain in the anal region. It may be Colon Cancer also.

JDS leader YSV Datta on Monday said the party leadership had not held any discussion within the party on supporting the BJP in unseating Legislative Council Chairman Prathapchandra Shetty and the Land Reforms Bill

SESSION LIKELY TO BE HELD MID-JANUARY

Pending Bills to be taken up; Cabinet discusses issue; BJP may stake claim to chairmanship of Legislative Council

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A legislative session is likely to be held in January, with the Karnataka cabinet discussing the issue on Monday. The session is likely to be convened around mid-January, though the length of the session and the dates have not been officially decided or approved.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhu Swamy told *TNIE*, "We are considering convening the joint session on January 18 for a few days." While the first day's session will be the governor's address, the government is likely to take up pending bills.

If due process is followed, the cabinet approves the dates for convening of legislature, before it goes before the Governor for his assent. There is also a rule that members of the legislature have to be informed about the session being convened, 15 days in advance. Madhu Swamy said that the property tax Bill was not passed as an ordinance on Monday as there is a proposal to call for a legislative session. "We will take it up in the next session of the legislature," he said.

Among the important issues that the BJP intends to take up are passage of the anti-cow slaughter Bill which is to be promulgated as an ordinance after being defeated in the Upper House, where the JDS declared that it will not support the Bill. If the Bill is returned, Madhu Swamy said they are likely to get pass it in the assembly again and send it to the governor for his assent.

The other issue the party is likely to take up is staking claim to chairmanship of the Legislative Council where it falls short of numbers, with the JDS agreeing to support them in this. It may be recalled that the last Council session had ended acrimoniously, with the BJP and Congress almost coming to blows over the chairmanship issue.

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Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and Minister of Social Welfare B Sriramulu arrive at Vidhana Soudha for a Cabinet meeting, in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Nikhil's tweet fails to whitewash

Minutes after joining in the farmers' protest against the controversial farm bills, the JDS supported to same bills in the Upper House, stunning the party's base constituency and inviting a barrage of criticism. No doubt, it meant a loss of political equity. After this severe loss of face, the JDS is wary of laying claim to its old reputation of being a farmers' party. Days after this, on National Farmers' Day, the party's youth leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy sent an apologetic tweet with the hashtag #nationalfarmersday, "Farmers are the backbone of this country..." and ended with 'Jai Kissan'. The tweet helped little, with farmer groups stepping up criticism.

Suicide note and scent of a scandal

They say the pen is mightier than the sword, but at times, things turn out otherwise. Social media was abuzz with news of a journalist from Chikkaballapura, Ashwathnarayan, working with a respected vernacular daily, who attempted suicide due to harassment, by none other than a minister, his editor and others. He named them in his suicide note, which went viral on WhatsApp groups. The journalist, who was battling for life, was shifted to a hospital where his condition is said to be stable. While police were lauded for their timely action in saving his life, they were also blamed for filing a case of attempted suicide against the hapless journalist. Meanwhile, curiosity remains over the minister in question.

Siddu sticks to secular economics

The Congress, which has been opposing the anti-cow slaughter Bill tooth and nail, is wary of falling into the trap of being called a 'party of minority supporters' -- which the BJP anyway alleges it is. Opposition leader Siddaramaiah tore into the Bill, but carefully based his argument on the economic fallout. Saying it was the Congress that had brought in the Bill, he raised the point of what farmers would do with crores of unproductive cattle. When a journalist popped a discomfiting query, Siddaramaiah, ever the master of diplomacy, chose his words with caution, treading on broken glass, as it were.

KEEP UP THE GOOD FIGHT

Activists and general public protest against the Centre's new farm laws, in Bengaluru on Monday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

State's efforts in sharing data are underreported

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WHILE many people did not know what the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) was before the pandemic raided our lives, most may not yet know the National Cooperative Development Council, the premier agency for detecting and controlling outbreaks in India. Experts are mostly consulted when there is a crisis, and quickly forgotten after the crisis is over. 2020 is a reminder for strengthening and providing autonomy to our agencies so that research priorities are addressed, and drugs and vaccines are regulated for safe and ethical use. Doing so will provide useful and timely information to healthcare workers and the public alike, and swiftly mount responses to any health emergencies. The role of communication in healthcare was showcased in 2020. Every citizen has a right to get accurate and timely information about health. It is the government's responsibility to partner with people in ensuring that they are empowered with better information.

Karnataka's efforts in sharing detailed data are underreported and underappreciated. The State also had consistent support from technical advisory groups responsible for shaping the response. It is time for transparency to be the driving force in generating, using and disseminating public data. Governments should take offence if the immense amount of data generated is not analysed or used; it is a national waste not to share or use it for corrective action. The country can have an open data policy to promote usage of data to help implementation.

While pandemic management got much-deserved attention, the National Family Health Survey-5 results released in the latter part of the year were not much deliberated in public space. The survey shows a growing burden of risk factors and poor health in several states. For any meaningful changes in the overall scenario, significant investments will have to be made to build the capacity of health staff, improve nutrition and promote healthy behaviour through the life course to prevent non-communicable diseases. Primary healthcare services, including screening, early diagnosis and timely treatment, need strengthening. The feeder pipe of illness is filled with inadequate resources, inaccessible healthcare and unhealthy lifestyle.

2020 was for health, mostly because of health and other frontline workers. Our respect and appreciation of their work is necessary, but not sufficient to take care of their livelihood and career growth. Similarly, every block needs a competent public health workforce and leadership to promote health. A healthy India can be envisioned only if more generousallocations are made of all healthcare expenditure on preventive and health-promoting services. 2020 witnessed healthcare providers adapt several innovative approaches. Like the economy, passengers are waiting for the business class to get in.

LMIC countries are watching the rollout of Covid-19 vaccines in a few countries. This is a marker of the inequities which exist in the world. Understanding this imbalance, India should lead the way in building partnerships and collaborations, especially focusing on supporting developing countries. India has a rare opportunity to improve the public health workforce and influence agencies such as the World Health Organisation in helping the LMICs. The newfound collaborations of healthcare professionals with other scientists need to develop partnerships necessary for a world with fewer inequities.

Finally, we need to reimagine a world we live in, with many more zoonotic diseases emerging in the days to come. The way people move, the animal food we eat, how we interact with domestic and wild animals, the age structure and our health status determine the genesis and our response to these diseases. Correspondingly, disease control efforts are not prioritised in several countries. An important lesson here is to strengthen the public health system and surveillance, as the indomitable determinants of each state's ability to reduce the overall adversities related to any health emergency.

(Dr Giridhara R Babu is Professor, Head-Lifecourse Epidemiology at the Indian Institute of Public Health, PHFI, Bengaluru)

CM confident of BJP-backed candidates winning big in Gram Panchayat polls

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CHIEF MINISTER B S Yediyurappa on Monday said the candidates supported by the ruling BJP are likely to win a majority of the seats in the Gram Panchayat elections in the state.

"According to my information, it is certain that 85-90 per cent of the BJP-supported candidates will get elected in the polls," he claimed.

Speaking to reporters, Yediyurappa said, "It is a known fact that Congress leaders did not show much interest in these polls. But our workers, MLAs and ministers went around their respective constituencies, worked hard and tried to make people aware at the grassroot level."

"It is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's desire to further enable the Gram Panchayats in the days to come. I assure that all honest efforts will be made by the government to strengthen Gram Panchayats and for their development," he added.

While voting for 3,019 panchayats was held in the first phase on December 22, polling in 2,709 panchayats was held in the second phase on December 27. The counting of votes for both phases is on December 30.

Although these elections are not held on party symbols, all the political parties had put in efforts to ensure that the candidate supported by them wins. Since Gram Panchayats represent the very basic unit of the political structure, the political parties want to have their hold on the grassroot level politics, which may prove advantageous for them in taluk or zilla panchayat and even assembly polls whenever they happen.

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A policewoman stands guard at a strongroom at Nelamangala Junior College, where ballot boxes have been stored, in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

ON THE TABLE

Cabinet takes ordinance route for cow slaughter Bill

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THE Karnataka cabinet on Monday passed the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill 2020, as an ordinance. It will now go before the Governor to be promulgated. The government had failed to pass the Bill in the Upper House due to lack of support.

This is the first time this issue has been taken up as an ordinance. As ordinances are effective for only six months, the government has to take it up in legislature before the deadline.

The contentious anti-cow slaughter Bill has an uncertain future, as it is yet to be approved by the legislative council, where the government knows it does not have the numbers. The BJP has 31 members and the Congress has 29. The JDS, with 14 members, has said it will not support the Bill. With the farm bills too, the government had to take the ordinance route before it got the support of the JDS and passed it in the Council.

Once the Act comes into effect, there will be a blanket prohibition on slaughter of cows in the State. The Bill provides for stringent punishment for those who indulge in smuggling, illegal transportation, atrocities on cows and their slaughter, and proposes a maximum of seven years' imprisonment and a fine of Rs 5 lakh for the offenders.

However, abattoirs will continue to function and consumption of buffalo meat will not be prohibited. Law and Parliamantary Affairs Minister JC Madhu Swamy said, "The anti-cow slaughter law is not new. We have had it for decades. Previously, there was a ban on slaughter of cows until the age of 13. We have extended it with the intention that older cows should not be left out. Since the prohibition does not extend to buffaloes, there is no ban on beef consumption."

Noting that the Centre's objections on the BJP government's anti-cow slaughter Bill of 2010 had been addressed, Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chauhan said the earlier one prohibited the slaughter of buffaloes, but the present bill only prohibits the slaughter of buffaloes up till the age of 13. In a statement released by his office, he said the cow is the root of India's culture, faith and farmers' livelihood.

With concern raised in legislature about aged and unproductive cows and male cattlehead, the government said it will consider building 'Goshalas' (shelters).

Expressing concern over the decline in the number of cows, he called on everyone to rise above politics to work towards the growth of cattle assets. "Opposing the Bill just for the sake of politics and misleading the public is intolerable," Chauhan claimed.

Citing the 2019 cattle census, Chauhan said that 2.38 lakh cows are slaughtered every year. Even a day's delay would lead to slaughter of 662 cows, he said. "If it continues at this pace, we aren't far from a time when cows will only be read about in books," he claimed.

He said that despite resistance from the Opposition in 2010, the BJP government had got the controversial Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill passed, that proposed to replace the Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Cattle Preservation Act, 1964.

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EXPRESS READ

Hebbalkar tells party workers to be poll-ready

Belagavi: Belagavi Rural MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar asked party workers to be ready for the polls on Monday. She was inaugurating the 135th Foundation Day ceremony of the party at Congress Bhavan in the city. Hebbalkar said, "Let us be prepared to face the forthcoming Parliamentary and Assembly elections together." ENS

Activists try to hoist Kannada flag in Belagavi, cops step in

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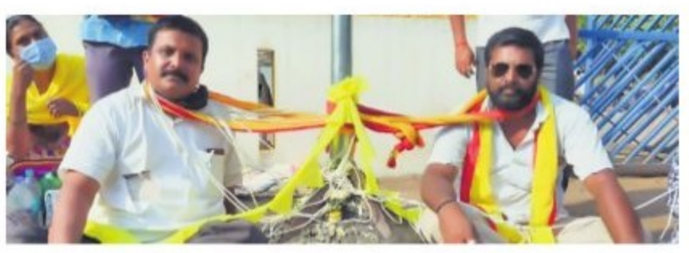
A GROUP of pro-Kannada activists tried to hoist a Kannada flag in front of the Belagavi City Corporation (BCC) office on Monday. However, police prevented them from doing so, triggering a flash protest.

Corporation commissioner Jagadish K H along with ACPs Sadashiv Kattimani and Chandrappa tried to convince the agitators to withdraw their protest. However, the agitators refused to budge. This led to a verbal altercation between the agitators and officers.

Activists Kasturi Bhavi, Srinivas Talukar and others raised slogans against the State government, elected representatives and police officers for not supporting the flag-hoisting, after installing the flagpost on the BCC premises. They also threatened to end their lives if the officials removed the flagpost.

Social worker and RTI activist Bheemappa Gadad participated in the agitation as well.



Kannada activists stage a protest on the premises of BCC, in Belagavi on Monday

Defending the agitators, Belagavi Rural MLA and KPCC spokesperson Laxmi Hebbalkar asked, "What's wrong if a Kannada flag is hoisted in the BCC?" Ever since the inception of BCC, local body elections are posited around language. Backed by the Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES), Marathas have dominated the city corporation for several decades and had also hoisted a saffron flag at the corporation. However, that came to an end when the city corporation office was shifted to a new building.

Now, the Congress and BJP have announced that they will contest the corporation elections on party symbols. This latest incident is likely to fuel language politics ahead of the elections.

CCB CRACKDOWN

Loan app scam: Three directors held in B'luru

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IN the continuing crackdown on instant app-based lenders, CCB sleuths on Sunday arrested three directors of a company for allegedly harassing defaulters.

The arrested have been identified as Syed Ahmed (33), Syed Irfan (26) and Adithya Senapathi (25), who are residents of Hosaguddahalli and Varthur.

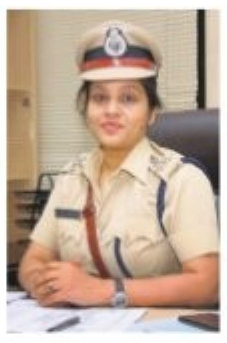
A senior police officer said that the three were arrested following complaints of harassment by several victims, who had alleged that they were charged a higher rate of interest for the loans taken. The action comes close on the heels of a raid conducted a few days ago on such loan app companies, owned by the Chinese. The accused were using coercive methods to recover dues from defaulters, he added.

The police officer said that a special team was formed and the accused were arrested based on phone call records between them and the Chinese owners. The local police have gathered details from the Hyderabad police, who recently arrested four including a Chines woman, over similar charges.

The police have seized 35 laptops, 200 cell phones, eight cheque books, 20 smart phones, 30 SIM cards and nine seals belonging to Money Pay, Paisa Pay, Loan Time, Rupee Day, Rupee Kart, and In Cash, the officer said.

Did govt ignore complaints on Safe City tender?

Alleged irregularities brought to govt's notice in March, but no action was taken



ROOPA REPLIES TO MEMO

Home Secretary D Roopa, who was issued a memo by the Additional Chief Secretary of the Home Department, has given a reply, attaching related documents, sources said. She was issued a memo as she had written to the Chief Secretary about the alleged irregularities in the tender.

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THE faceoff between two IPS officers, D Roopa and **Hemant Nimbalkar**, over the tender process for the Bengaluru Safe City Project has also revealed the government's alleged inaction despite receiving several complaints alleging irregularities and corruption.

Sources said that the alleged irregularities were brought to the notice of the government through several complaints, as early as March. "The letters were sent to the Vigilance wing of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) and senior police officers. But nothing happened till July when the DPAR's Vigilance wing wrote to the Home Department asking to give information to the complainant directly," a source said.

The New Indian Express has accessed the copies of three complaints. The first complaint is dated March 3 and is written by one Sharad Azad, General Secretary of All India Anti-Corruption Society. It was addressed to the Deputy Secretary of DPAR (Vigilance) and copies were marked to top police officials including the then Police Commissioner of Bengaluru city.

The second complaint was given by M K Kumaraswamy of the Janata Dal (S) to the DPAR (Vigilance) on June 25 and the latter had asked the Home Department on July 23 to furnish the details of the tender to the complainant.

The third complaint was given to the Prime Minister's Office by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), which was reportedly wrongly disqualified in the tender process, on June 29. The company had brought to the notice of the PM's office that the directors of the two bidders were common and one of the common directors in both the companies was holding more than 5 per cent shares, which is a clear indication of Conflict of Interest.

Besides, it had also raised concerns that one of the bidders had quoted a Chinese brand for elements like cameras, servers and storage. "These Chinese-made products were demonstrated to the Bengaluru Police and other members of the evaluation committee. The usage of Chinese products in this important project of public security poses a great security risk as the enormous data of the residents of Bengaluru can be accessed by other than intended users and can be used for tracking and monitoring," BEL had stated in the complaint.

Man forces wife to drink poison, booked

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AN assistant professor of a private nursing college was allegedly forced by her husband and in-laws to consume poison at their house in Jnanabharathi. The condition of the victim is said to be critical.

The victim has been identified as Pavana (39), a resident of Mandya, who had married Pradeep six months ago. The couple live in Mariyappanapalya. Pradeep (42) is a shirastedar in a family court.

A senior police officer said that Pavana had gone to her parents' house two weeks ago, and did not return. On Sunday, her husband called her up, and asked her to return. When she came back, Pradeep and his family members allegedly assaulted Pavana, before forcing her to consume poison.

Neighbours who noticed the incident alerted Pavana's parents, who arrived and shifted her to a private hospital. They also alerted the Jnanabharathi police.

The officer further revealed that two days prior to the incident, both the families had come to the police station. It is learnt that Pradeep's mother had fought with Pavana, accusing her of providing wrong date of birth before marriage. Upset over this, Pavana had left for her hometown.

Based on the statement of Pavana parents, cases of attempt to murder and domestic violence have been filed against Pradeep and his family. Pradeep, meanwhile, is absconding.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, **Sri Manjunatha. K. C** S/o Chikkegowda, has lost the original sale deed dated 28.05.2014, registered as Document No.01487-2014-15 in Book-1, Stored in CD.No.PNYD581, SRO-Peenya, Bangalore, pertaining to the property Site.No.11, carved out of Assessment.Nos.68/1, 69/1, 69/2 and 94/3, Situated at Kariobanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward.No.40, Measuring East to West 30 Feet., and North to South 40 Feet., on 01.09.2020. A Complaint dated 01.10.2020 (Lost Report. No.122973/ 2020) is lodged in the Crime Branch Bangalore City Police. Finders may return the same to the above said Police Station or Contact at the below address.

PRASHANTH. KUMAR. K, "LEX FACTUM", Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.365, First Floor, Near Bhashyam Circle, Rajajinagar 3rd Block, Bangalore-560 010
Contact No: 9901296858/080-2340442.

KARNATAKA REDDYJANA SANGHA
#1, Mahayogi Vamana Road, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru 560 034. Ph: 080 - 2553 4194

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1.	Supply & Installation of GRP/SMC Panel Tank of 5mt x 1mt x 1mt - 5Kl gross volume confirming to IS 14399 (part 1) without partition on Roof Top	16 Nos	2 Weeks

Quotation to be sent to the General Secretary, Karnataka ReddyJana Sangha, CA Site No.1, 16th cross 3rd Block Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560034 or to be sent by E-mail:- krjscivil.eletrical@gmail.com/krjsho25@gmail.com

President General Secretary

SUNDARAM HOME
Regd Office: No. 21, Pattulos Road, Chennai - 600 002. **Corporate Office:** 46, Whites Road, Chennai - 600 014.
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POSSESSION NOTICE

Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas the authorized officer of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD.,** formerly known as SUNDARAM BNP PARIBAS HOME FINANCE LTD., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferredunder Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notices. The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the Guarantor having failed to repay the amount in full, notice is hereby given to the borrower, Co-borrower and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The borrower's attention is invited to provision of subsection (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower, Co-Borrower and Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD.**

Sl. No.	File Nos.	Borrower's, Co-Borrower's and Guarantor Name and Address	Date of Demand Notice/ Publication	Notice Amount	Date of Possession	Total Outstanding
1	82400 642	**Mr.Sandeep K S (Borrower) Mr. Sreenivasa Murthy K V (Co-Borrower),** No.50,3rd Main, Shakambari Nagar, JP Nagar, 1st Phase, Banglore - 560078.	2 Mar 2020	Rs. 6,12,845/-	23 Dec 2020.	Rs. 6,49,158/-
		Schedule of Property: All the piece and parcel of the immovable vacant residential property bearing BBMP Katha No.1663/1663, New No.1663, Property Register No.1663, Site No.1663, formed by Bangalore City Co-operative Housing Society Limited, the layout approved by BDA vide Resolution No.368/92 and resolved vide Letter No. BDA/TPM/DDW/1244/92-93 dated 09/11/1992 formed in various survey numbers of Vajarahalli and Raghuvanahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk now with in BBMP, measuring East 40 Feet, West 40 Feet, North 30 Feet and South 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and **bounded as follows:** East by : Site No.1664. West by: Site No.1662. North by : Road. South by : Site No.1636.				
2	BJN20 180091	**Mr.Narendra Gamidi (Borrower) Mrs. Mohini Ganta (Co-Borrower)** No 40 Ashirvad, 1st Floor, 1st A Main 1st Cross, Old Airport Road, Vinayaka Nagar, Bangalore - 560017. **Thalamanchi Harsha Vardhan (Guarantor)**	13 Oct 2020	Rs. 63,64,307/-	24 Dec 2020	Rs. 67,98,579/-
		Schedule of Property: Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of portion of immovable property being converted land formed part of land measuring 1 Acre 03 Guntas in Survey No.9/1A (Part of Old Survey No.9/1) converted vide official Memorandum No.BDS/ALN(E)VB/Sr249/2003-04 dated 12/08/2003 and No.ALN/EVH/SR327/2008-09 dated 15/04/2009 and No.ALN/EVH/SR319/2008-09 dated 12/05/2009, situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District measuring East to West 304 Feet (Three Hundred Four Feet), North to South 117 Feet (One Hundred Seventeen Feet) and main access to site measuring 3082 Square Feet, totally measuring 38650 Square Feet and the entire **property is bounded on:** East by: Property of Survey No.8. West by: 80 Feet Kasavanahalli Main Road. North by: Remaining Portion of land in Survey No.9/1A belonging to M.Narayana Reddy. South by: Property of Laksmamma of Survey No.9/1B. Presently the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike has assigned Municipal No.4045/Sy/No.9/1A to Schedule 'A' Property. **Schedule 'B':** The 535 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest comprised in the Schedule 'A' Property. **Schedule 'C':** The Apartment bearing No.402 on the Fourth Floor of Block - A in the building known as 'KPR ELITE' being having super built up area of 1625 Square Feet with 3 bedrooms, a kitchen, inclusive of proportionate share of common areas, with verified flooring along with one car parking space in basement with the undivided right title and interest to an extent of 535 Square Feet.				

Date: 23-12-2020 & 24-12-2020 **for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD Authorised officer**

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IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE I ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C.Mis. No. 374 / 2020

PETITIONER: NARAYANAPPA S/o Late Narasaiah, Aged about 50 years, R/at Yalachagere Village, Maralakunte Post, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
-V/s- **RESPONDENT: The Thahasildar,** Registrar of Birth and Death, Nelamangala Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sri. Narayanappa S/o Late. Narasaiah, aged about 50 years, Residing at Yalachagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. I filed petition seeking order from the court to issue the death certificate by registering date of death of my grandfather by name **Late. Durgaiah S/o Late. Narasaiah, died on 15.07.1958 at Yalachagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.** Hence any person or any public related or interested in this matter are invited for any objections and may appear in person or through pleader on **02.01.2021 at 11.00 A.M.** before the **I Additional Civil Judge and JMFC Court at Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District,** and in default of your appearance on the day specified, the petition will be heard by placing you exparte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 23rd day of December 2020.
By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge (Junior Division) and J.M.F.C., Nelamangala.
Advocate for Petitioner: **B.M. BYRESH,** Advocate #85/1, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya, Byraveshwaranagara, Near Sondekoppa Circle, Nelamangala-562123.

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Warrant of Attachment of Immovable Property
R.C No. 267/2019 IN O.A. No. 540/2018

IDBI Bank Limited, Retail Recovery, Bengaluru. .....Certificate Holder
And
To,
(1) **Sri K.V Srinivas S/o Venkatappa,** (2) **Sri S.M Dheeraj S/o K.V Srinivas**
Both residing at: No. 2342, 20th Cross, K.R Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070. **Both are also at:** Property No. 43/2, Katriguppe village, Bengaluru-560070. **Defendant No. 1 also at:** Property No. 43/2, 100 feet Ring road, Katriguppe village, Banashankari 3rd stage, Bengaluru-560085.
....Certificate Debtors
To,
Shri Hemant Kumar Patra, DGM, IDBI Bank Ltd., Retail Recovery, IDBI House , 3rd Floor, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027.
Whereas Certified Debtors, were ordered by, the Recovery Certificate RC No. 267/2019 of this Tribunal passed in **O.A.No.**540/2018 to pay to the Applicant Bank / F.I i.e., IDBI Bank Limited, the sum as noted below, and whereas the said has not been paid.

Sl No.	Loan	Amount in Rupees	Rate of Interest
1.	Amount as per RC	8,71,63,535/-	11.25% +5% from date of filling of OA
2.	Cost	1,90,005/-	
	Total (Rs.)	**8,73,53,540/-**	

(The applicant CHB is entitled to recovery the above amount from the date of filling of OA till its realization along with cost and future interest as detailed above)
This is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, or which shall be pointed out to you by the said Applicant Bank and unless the said shall pay to you the above said sum and the costs of this attachment, to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.
You are further Commanded to return this warrant on or before the **08.01.2021** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and manner in which it has been executed, or why it has not been executed.

Schedule of Property
owned by CD-1
All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing:

Sl No.	Property Details	Boundary		Location
1.	Municipal Property New No. 11/1 Old No. 43/2	East by:	Common Entrance to Kamakya, thereafter property of Mr. Thammaiah	Kathriguppa Village Banashankari 3rd stage, Bengaluru
		West by:	Road	
		North by:	100 feet Ring road	
		South by:	Property belongs to Mr. Murali	

East to west 150 ft and North to South 116.50 ft having Cinema Theatre Eshwari and complex. Total measuring 17475 Sq. ft
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, at Bengaluru on this **16th day of December 2020.**

Sd/- Recovery Officer-2, DRT - II, Bengaluru

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ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, लोहरदगा
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पत्रांक .... /लोहरदगा दिनांक ....

शुद्धि पत्र

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 934 दिनांक 19.12.2020 द्वारा आमंत्रित अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या **RDD/SD/LOHARDAGA/E-13/2020-21** जिसका पी0 आर0 सं0 **PR237936 (Lohardaga) 20-21:D** में प्रकाशित निविदा **RE1/RDD/SD/LOHARDAGA/E-13/2020-21** के स्थान पर **RDD/SD/LOHARDAGA/E-13/2020-21** अंकित हो गया है।

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Assets Lot	Date and time of Auction	Reserve Price	Incremental Amount	EMD Amount & Submission process
Lotus Shopping Mall-Kulshekara, Mangalore, Karnataka.	21 January 2021 from 03:00 PM to 05:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 mins)	INR 149 crore	INR 20 Lakhs	INR 10 Crore (refer asset sale process memorandum)

Please refer Terms & Conditions of E-auction and submission of Expression of Interest (EoI), provided under EoI process document and the Asset Sale Process Memorandum on the website of the corporate debtor ***http://lotusshoppingcentres.in***.
Alternatively details will also be made available on ***https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net*** - E-Auction website.
You may write to me at **LQ.Lotus@in.gt.com** for any further details or clarification in this regard.

Date: 29 December 2020
Place: Mumbai

Sanjay Kumar Mishra,
(IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P01047/2017-2018/11730)
Liquidator of Lotus Shopping Centres Private Limited (In Liquidation)
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LBS Marg, Bhandup West, Mumbai-400 078
Email: ipsanjaymishra@rediffmail.com

TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD
Office of the Superintending Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit
Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Housing for Urban Poor Project in Tamil Nadu
No.5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai 600 005, Tamil Nadu, Tel No.: +91 44 29862122
Email: tnscbprocurement@gmail.com; web site: www.tnscb.org

Invitation for Bids No: IRSHUP/NCB/03

ADB Project No. and Title: P53067-004-IND, Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable Housing for Urban Poor (IRSHUP) Project in Tamil Nadu.

Contract Package Number & Name: IRSHUP/VAL/03 Construction of 969 Nos of housing units adopting Type Design No. 02/2020 (G+5) with associated infrastructure works at Ayyanar Kovil (Phase II), Vallam in S.No 207/1, Vallam Vadukku Setthi Village, Thanjavur Taluk in Thanjavur district in Tamil Nadu.

The Superintending Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit, on behalf of Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board ("the Employer") invites bids from eligible bidders for the contract package named above. Bids are invited under Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) - National procedure of ADB which is open to all bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.

1. Detailed Notice of Invitation for Bids (IFB) and the Bid document for above package would be available at **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and **www.tnscb.org** starting from **28.12.2020.** Deadline for bid submission is **16:00 hours on 29.01.2021.** All required information's are provided in the bid document.
2. Online & Offline Pre-bid Meeting will be held **at 14:00 hours on 11.01.2021.** All the prospective bidders are advised to participate in the Pre-bid meeting.
3. Any addendum, clarification to the bidder's queries and corrigendum etc. will be published on the **www.tnscb.org** web site and will not be published in Newspapers.
4. Bidders may contact Superintending Engineer, Project Monitoring Unit, TNSCB for any other information on bidding process.

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No.274/PCB/20-21

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2	**ಅಕೌಂಟೆಂಟ್**	1	30350–58250.	ಅಂಗೀಕೃತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದ ಪದವಿ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಮತ್ತು ಆಂಗ್ಲ ಭಾಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಓದಲು, ಬರೆಯಲು, ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು.
3	**ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ದರ್ಜೆ ಸಹಾಯಕರು**	8	21400–42000.	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಪಿಯುಸಿ ತೇರ್ಗಡೆ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಮತ್ತು ಆಂಗ್ಲ ಭಾಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಓದಲು, ಬರೆಯಲು, ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು.
4	**ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ಆಪರೇಟರ್/ ಬೆರಳಚ್ಚುಗಾರ/ ಡಾಟಾ ಎಂಟ್ರಿ ಆಪರೇಟರ್**	1	21400–42000.	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಪಿಯುಸಿ ತೇರ್ಗಡೆ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಮತ್ತು ಆಂಗ್ಲ ಭಾಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಓದಲು, ಬರೆಯಲು, ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು.
5	**ಅಟೆಂಡರ್/ ವಾಚ್ ಮೆನ್/ ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕ**	2	18600–32600.	ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತೀರ್ಣರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು. ಕನ್ನಡ ಓದಲು, ಬರೆಯಲು, ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಬರಬೇಕು.

ವಯೋಮಿತಿ: 1. ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದವರಿಗೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ರಿಂದ 35 ವರ್ಷಗಳು; 2. ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗದವರಿಗೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ರಿಂದ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 38 ವರ್ಷಗಳು. ; 3. ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ / ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ವರ್ಗದವರಿಗೆ / ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–1 – ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ರಿಂದ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 40 ವರ್ಷಗಳು.; (ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕಕ್ಕೆ)

ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಕೆಯ ವಿಧಾನ: ನಿಗದಿತ ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದ ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಪೂರ್ಣ ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು, ತಮ್ಮ ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ಭಾವ ಚಿತ್ರದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಅರ್ಹತೆಯ ಪದವಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯ ಅಂಕಪಟ್ಟಿ, ಪದವಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ ಹುಟ್ಟಿದ ತಾರೀಖಿನ ದೃಢೀಕರಣ ಪತ್ರ, ಪಿ.ಯು.ಸಿ. (2 ವರ್ಷದ), ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯ ಅಂಕಪಟ್ಟಿ, ಈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳ ಯಥಾ ಪ್ರತಿಗಳನ್ನು, ಅನುಭವ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ, ಜಾತಿ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ, ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್, ಹೆಚ್.ಡಿ.ಸಿ., ಜಿ.ಡಿ.ಸಿ. ಪಾಸ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಪತ್ರಾಂಕಿತ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಂದ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13–01–2021 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ತಲುಪುವಂತೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು, ಪ್ರಗತಿ ಕೋ–ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಲಿ., ನಂ. 12/1, ಪ್ರಗತಿ ಭವನ, 1ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560003 ಇವರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು.

ಇತರ ಶರತ್ತುಗಳು:

1. ಅರ್ಹತೆಯುಳ್ಳ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ (ಅಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ) ಲಿಖಿತ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೌಖಿಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ನಡೆಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
2. ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು 5 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕರಾರು ಪತ್ರ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಬೇಕು.
3. ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾರ್ಥ (ಪ್ರೊಬೇಷನರಿ) ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ಈ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇವೆಯು ತೃಪ್ತಿಕರವಾಗಿರದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಮಂಡಳಿಯು ಅಂತಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸೇವೆಯಿಂದ ತೆಗೆದುಹಾಕುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
4. ಅಂಚೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಇನ್ನಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗಧಿತ ದಿನಾಂಕದೊಳಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ತಲುಪಲು ವಿಳಂಬವಾದರೆ ಅಥವಾ ತಲುಪದಿದ್ದರೆ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.
5. ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ ಸೇವಾ ನಿಯಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಬದ್ಧರಾಗಿ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಕಾಯಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಬದ್ಧರಾಗಿರಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ನಿಯಮಗಳ ರೀತ್ಯಾ ನಗದು ಭದ್ರತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಂಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.
6. ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಲ್.ಸಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಐಚ್ಛಿಕ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನಾಗಿ ಓದದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು (ಪ್ರೊಬೇಷನರಿ) ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷಾ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಪಾಸು ಮಾಡಬೇಕು.
7. ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಇಬ್ಬರು ಗಣ್ಯ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಂದ ಅಥವಾ ಪತ್ರಾಂಕಿತ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಂದ ನಡತೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ ಪಡೆದು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು.
8. ಅರ್ಜಿಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಿಂದುಳಿದ ವರ್ಗದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಶಾಖಾ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ರೂ. 1000/– ಹಾಗೂ ಶಾಖಾ ಅಕೌಂಟೆಂಟ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ರೂ. 750/–, ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ದರ್ಜೆ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ರೂ. 500/–, ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ / ಡಾಟಾ ಎಂಟ್ರಿ ಆಪರೇಟರ್ / ಬೆರಳಚ್ಚುಗಾರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ರೂ.500/–, ಅಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ರೂ. 300/– ಹಾಗೂ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ/ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡದ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ಮತ್ತು ಅಕೌಂಟೆಂಟ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ರೂ.500/–, ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್/ಡಾಟಾ ಎಂಟ್ರಿ ಆಪರೇಟರ್/ಬೆರಳಚ್ಚುಗಾರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ರೂ.250/–, ಅಟೆಂಡರ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ರೂ.150/– ಗಳ ಡಿ.ಡಿ.ಗಳನ್ನು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು, ಪ್ರಗತಿ ಕೋ–ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಲಿ., ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾವತಿಯಾಗುವಂತೆ ಪಡೆದು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸುವುದು.
9. ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವಾಗ ಯಾವ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ಎಂಬುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಲಕೋಟೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ನಮೂದಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
10. ಅಪೂರ್ಣವಾದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಮಂಡಳಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
11. ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವೇ ಅಂತಿಮ ಈ ಕುರಿತು ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರ ವ್ಯವಹಾರವನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಾಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29–12–2020
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ಸಹಿ/–
ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು
ಪ್ರಗತಿ ಕೋ–ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಲಿ.,

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Notice U/s. 13(2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) who have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of loans facility obtained by them from secured creditor and loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them on their last known addresses, however, it has returned un-served and hence, they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantor / Loan Account Number (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Raghuram G Yadav/ Veena M- 1074, A Krishnappa, Lakshmipuram Layout, Devasandra, K R Puram Bangalore- 560036/ DHFL Loan Account Number -15400001235 / ICICI Loan Account Number- QZKLR00005013815.	Site No. 9, 1st Cross, Greenwood Phase2 Varanasi Village, Bidralli Hobli Near Smart Super Market, Bangalore	06.10.2020 Rs. 42,45,695/-	30.11. 2019

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : 29-12-2020
Place: Bangalore

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IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE I ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C. Mis. No. 240/2020

PETITIONER: HANUMANTHARAYAPPA S/o Late Hanumantha @ Hanumanthaiah, aged about 73 years, R/at Baraguru Village, Manalakunte Post, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

-V/s-

RESPONDENT: The Thahasildar, Registrar of Birth and Death, Nelamangala Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sri Hanumantharayappa S/o Late Hanumantha @ Hanumanthaiah, aged about 73 years, R/at Baraguru Village, Manalakunte Post, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. I filed petition seeking order from the court to issue the death certificate by registering date of death of my father by name **Late Hanumantha @ Hanumanthaiah S/o Late Yalawa,** died on **06-08-1958** at Baraguru Village, Manalakunte Post, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. Hence any person or any public related or interested in this matter are invited for any objections and may appear in person or through pleader on **04.01.2021** at 11.00 A.M. before the I Additional Civil Judge and JMFC Court at ate, Bengaluru Rural District, and in default of your appearance on the day specified, the petition will be heard by placing you exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on 24-12-2020.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial officer, Court of the Civil Judge (Junior Division) and JMFC at Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner: **SURESH .M**
#65/1, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya, Byraveshwara Nagara, Near Sondekoppa Circle, Nelamangala-562123.

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE I ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C. Mis. No. 239/2020

PETITIONER: SHIVALINGAIAH S/o Late Byranna, aged about 73 years, R/at Karimanne Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

-V/s-

RESPONDENT: The Thahasildar, Registrar of Birth and Death, Nelamangala Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sri Shivalingaiah S/o Late Byranna, aged about 73 years, R/at Karimanne Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. I filed petition seeking order from the court to issue the death certificate by registering date of death of my father by name **Late Byranna S/o Late Chikkalingappa,** died on **14.02.1977** at Karimanne Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. Hence any person or any public related or interested in this matter are invited for any objections and may appear in person or through pleader on **04.01.2021** at 11.00 A.M. before the I Additional Civil Judge and JMFC Court at Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District, and in default of your appearance on the day specified, the petition will be heard by placing you exparte.

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Advocate for Petitioner: **SURESH .M**
#65/1, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya, Byraveshwara Nagara, Near Sondekoppa Circle, Nelamangala-562123.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public may note that, my Client is intent to Purchase the schedule Property from its owner by names **Sri.R.Nagaraja** S/o. Chikkaramanna @ Ramanna, R/at. No.1117, 19th A Main Road, Near J.P. Nagar Club, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560078 and by their family Members.

If any Person's have any Claim over the schedule Property the same may be intimated in writing along with documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication in the absence of any objection within the above said period, it shall be deemed that, there is no objection and sale deed will be executed in my client favor without any further reference in this regard.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Vacant site bearing No.1524/23, 39th F Cross, 22nd Main Road, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru (BBMP Ward No.58) assigned as PID No.58-45-23, measuring East to West 36 feet, North to South 57 feet, together with the ground floor building standing thereon Bounded on the following,

East by : Site No.1525, West by : Site No.1523, North by : Site No.1540, South by : By Road.

By the Advocate
MANJU H.M & MAHESH J.J,
Advocates,
No.161, A Block, Behind Axis Bank ATM, Kaggalipura, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560116.
Mobile No. 9008005377 / 9448683464

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 2

2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building
No.4, Residency Road, Bangalore - 560025

Notice for Settling a sale Proclamation
R.C No. 267/2019 IN O.A. No. 540/2018

To,
(1) **Sri K.V Srinivas S/o Venkatappa,** (2) **Sri S.M Dheeraj S/o K.V Srinivas**
Both residing at: No. 2342, 20th Cross, K.R Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070. **Both are also at:** Property No. 43/2, Katriguppe village, Bengaluru-560070. **Defendant No. 1 also at:** Property No. 43/2, 100 feet Ring road, Katriguppe village, Banashankari 3rd stage, Bengaluru-560085. **....Certificate Debtors**
Between
IDBI Bank Limited, Retail Recovery, Bengaluru. **.....Certificate Holder**
and
Sri K.V Srinivas & others **.....Certificate Debtors**

Whereas in execution of recovery certificate RC No.267/2019 in OA No.540/2018 drawn up by the presiding officer, DRT-II, Karnataka at Bangalore the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned immovable property.

You all are hereby informed that the day on or before 15th day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof. You all are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

Schedule of Property
owned by CD-1
All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing:

Sl No.	Property Details	Boundary		Location
1.	Municipal Property New No. 11/1 Old No. 43/2	East by:	Common Entrance to Kamakya, thereafter property of Mr. Thammaiah	Kathriguppa Village Banashankari 3rd stage, Bengaluru
		West by:	Road	
		North by:	100 feet Ring road	
		South by:	Property belongs to Mr. Murali	

East to west 150 ft and North to South 116.50 ft having Cinema Theatre Eshwari and complex. Total measuring 17475 Sq. ft

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, at Bengaluru on this **16th day of December 2020.**

Sd/- Recovery Officer-2, DRT - II, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is an Agreement holder for purchasing site bearing No. 29, in Khatha No. 5 situated at Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk presently within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 197 with New Sl. No. 247, Property No. 5/29, Bikasipura measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1,200 Sq. feet. Bounded on

East by : Site bearing No. 30,
West by : Site bearing No. 28,
North by : Site bearing No. 26,
South by : Road.

from Mr. R. B. Rajendra, S/o. Mr. R. L. Bhimanand, aged about 52 years, residing at No. 157, Raja Prakruthi Apt B-302, 4th Cross, near Ashoka Pillar, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore - 560 011.

Any person having any right, title, interest and claim whatsoever in and over the Schedule property or any liability may lodge their claims/ objections with documentary proof with the undersigned within 21 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as otherwise my client shall proceed to complete the Sale transaction as if there are no subsisting claims or objections and that all such claims or objections not filed in time shall be deemed / presumed to have been waived and shall not be binding on my client.

Sd/- **B. B. UMADEVI,** Advocate,
No. 715, 1st 'C' Main, 8th Block,
8th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 070.
Mob. 9343281627 Date: 28-12-2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase 50% UNDIVIDED SHARE in the property situated at Door No.117, GNT Road, Ring Road, Madhavaram, Chennai - 600 060, comprised in the following Survey Numbers:

Sl. No.	Old Survey No.	New T.S.No.	Extent in Acre
1.	817/1	17	0.98
2.	828/1(part), then 828/1C	17	0.63
		Total	1.61

in Ward 'C', Block No.36, Madhavaram Village and Taluk, Chennai District (formerly Thiruvallur District), in all totally measuring an extent of 1.61 Acres as per document and 1.55 Acres as per Patta, together with the buildings and ancillary structures existing thereon, from its present owner M/s. SOUTH EASTERN ROADWAYS, a Partnership Firm, having its Head Office at 4th Floor, No.40, 2nd Main, CKC Garden, Mission Road, Bangalore-560 027, Karnataka and Branch Office at # C-31, CMDA Truck Terminal Complex, Madhavaram, Chennai600 110, Tamil Nadu, represented herein by its partners, viz. Mr. VINAY GOYAL & Mr. VIKAS GOYAL, both sons of Late. Ved Prakash Goyal.

Any person/institution having any claim or charge over the aforementioned property shall lodge their claim or objection if any together with documentary proof to the undersigned within "FIFTEEN DAYS" from the date of this Notice, failing which it would be deemed that there is no claim, charge or encumbrance whatsoever on the above mentioned property and further our client can proceed to purchase the above mentioned property and any subsequent claim or objections shall be deemed to have been waived.

V SESHADRI & COMPANY,
ADVOCATES,
T-58B, New No.29, 32nd Cross Street, BESANT NAGAR, CHENNAI-600 090. TEL.NOS.24914001/24914002
Email : advocateseshadri@gmail.com
28.12.2020

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Zonal Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru: M2 Floor, (Vijaya Tower), 41/2, M G Road, Trinity Circle, Bengaluru–560 001. Ph: 080-2501 1204 / 280 / 350, Email: armban@bankofbaroda.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE / MOVEABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the **Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, ZOSARB, Bangalore, Secured Creditor,** will be sold by E-auction through website: **https://www.mstcecommerce.com** on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Mortgagor/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr/ Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/ s	Description of the Immovable Properties	Reserve Price, EMD, Bid Increase Amount. & Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time
1)	**1.M/s SVR HOUSING** Represented by its Partners having office at No.21, 33 "A cross, 11TH Main, Jayanagar 4th 'T', Block, Bangalore-560 041. **Project Location:** Site No.6& 7 in Sy. No.11/2, Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North **2. Mr. Suray Sri Harsha S/o Suray shri Venkata Ramaiah** BDA site no.50, BBMP KHATA NO.50, pid No.67-1-50, 4th Cross, 17th A Main, 5th Block, Koramangala, Ward no.67, Bangalore – 560095 **Also at:** No.21, 33 'A' Cross, 11th Main, Jayanagar, 4th 'T' Block, Bangalore - 560095 **3.Mrs. Suray Sujatha W/o Suray Sri Harsha** BDA site no.50, BBMP KHATA NO.50, pid No.67-1-50, 4th Cross, 17th A Main, 5th Block, Koramangala, Ward no.67, Bangalore – 560095 **Also at:** No.21, 33 'A' Cross, 11th Main, Jayanagar, 4th 'T' Block, Bangalore - 560095	**Schedule of Property A:** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing site no 6 & Site no 7, presently bears clubbed common BBMP Katha No 750/11/2/6,7, converted Survey No.11/2 converted from agriculture to non-agricultural residential purpose, vide conversion order Bearing No. ALN.SR.310/1976-77 dated 09-06-2017, issued by the deputy commissioner, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru and No.ALN.SR.108/1976-77 dated 04-07-1977 issued by Thahashildar Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.7, measuring east to west 70.2 feet and north to south 202 feet, together totally measuring 14180.40 Sq ft. at Byatarayanapura village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Bangalore. East by: Sy no. 11/3 West by: Road, North by: Site no 5, South by: Sy no. 12/1	Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 10-02-2020 Time: 05:00PM	Rs. 2,98,08,487.24 (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Eight Lakhs Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Seven & Paise Twenty Four Only) as on 30-11-2020 plus Further interest and other charges.	11-02-2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Physical Possession	With prior Appointment from Authorised officer
		Schedule of Property B					
		1. Flat No. T-304, 2 BHK, having super built-up area of 1214 Sq. ft. and undivided share of 285 Sq. ft. situated on the 3rd Floor, in the apartment "PINE RIDGE" constructed on the above mentioned Schedule-A.	Reserve Price: Rs. 45,80,000/-, EMD: Rs.4,58,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/-				
		2. Flat No. S-210, 2 BHK, having super built-up area of 1214 Sq. ft. and undivided share of 285 Sq. ft. situated on the 2nd Floor, in the apartment "PINE RIDGE" constructed on the above mentioned Schedule-A.	Reserve Price: Rs. 48,50,000/-, EMD: Rs.4,85,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/-				
		3. Flat No. S-208, 2 BHK, having super built-up area of 1228 Sq. ft., and undivided share of 289 Sq. ft. situated on the 2nd Floor, in the apartment "PINE RIDGE" constructed on the above mentioned Schedule-A	Reserve Price: Rs. 46,50,000/-, EMD: Rs.4,65,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/-				
		4. Flat No. S-203, 2 BHK, having super built-up area of 1124 Sq. ft., and undivided share of 264 Sq. ft situated on the 2nd Floor, in the apartment "PINE RIDGE" constructed on the above mentioned Schedule-A	Reserve Price: Rs. 42,50,000/-, EMD: Rs.4,25,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/-				
		5. Flat No. G-10, 2 BHK, having super built-up area of 1214 Sq. ft. and undivided share of 285 Sq. ft. situated on the Ground Floor, in the apartment "PINE RIDGE" constructed on the above mentioned Schedule-A	Reserve Price: Rs. 47,50,000/-, EMD: Rs.4,75,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/-				
		6. Flat No. G-03, 2 BHK, having super built-up area of 1124 Sq. ft. and undivided share of 264 Sq. ft. situated on the Ground Floor, in the apartment "PINE RIDGE" constructed on the above mentioned Schedule-A	Reserve Price: Rs. 44,50,000/-, EMD: Rs.4,45,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/-				
		7. Flat No. G-01, 2 BHK, having super built-up area of 1214 Sq.ft., and undivided share of 285 Sq.ft. situated on the Ground Floor, in the apartment "PINE RIDGE" constructed on the above mentioned Schedule-A	Reserve Price: Rs. 45,80,000/-, EMD: Rs.4,58,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/-				
		8.Flat No. F-103, 2 BHK, having super built-up area of 1124 Sq. ft., and undivided share of 264 Sq.ft. situated on the First Floor, in the apartment "PINE RIDGE" constructed on the above mentioned Schedule-A	Reserve Price: Rs. 42,50,000/-, EMD: Rs.4,25,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/-				

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and https://ibapi.in. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Tel No. 080-25011286/280/350 Mobile 9739316716.

Date: 28-12-2020, Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer, ZOSARB, Bank of Baroda

ESTD: 1907

THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET, BANGALORE –18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066.
General Manager : 26617980 : Tele Fax : (080) 26617980

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to **The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".**

Sl No	Name of the Borrower & Address Description of property	Boundaries & Measurement	Amount of Secured debt	Date of Public Auction
1.	**Mohanavathi** No. 215 (3566), 9th Main Road, Kaveri Nagar, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore. No.3566/1, Old No. 3566, Western Portion, 9th Main Road, Kaveri Nagar, Karisandra, Banshankari 2nd Stage Layout formed by BDA in Sy No. 23, Bangalore presently coming under Jurisidiction of BBMP Ward No. 56 of Ganesha Mandira, PID NO. 56-153-3566/1, Bangalore.	**East to West : 32 feet & North to South : 22 feet East by :** Remaining Eastern Portion of Property No. 3566, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site NO. 3565, **South by :** Site No. 3567,	**Rs. 30,41,742/- (Interest from 24.12.2020) Notice Date : 24.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 28,00,000/-**	**03-02-2021 10.00 A.M**
2.	**Sri. Manjunatha. M. P** No.25, E.V. Lane , S.P. road Cross, Thigalarpet, Bengaluru-02. No.24, CSI Compound 1st Cross, BBMP Ward No. 48 of Sudhamanagar, PID No. 48-88-24, Bengaluru.	**North :** 72 feet, **South – East :** 52 feet South West : 49 ½ **North :** Road, **South- East :** Private Property **South – West :** Private Schedule "C" property	**Rs. 1,07,02,073/- (Interest from 23.12.2020) Notice Date : 24.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 1,31,95,000/-**	**03.02.2021 10.30 A.M**
3.	**Sri. Abdul Subhan. K** No. 7/3/A, 4th Main Road, Ramachandrapuram, Benglauru-21. No.7/3/A, 4th Main Road, Ramachandrapuram, PID No. 25-90-7/3/A, BMP Ward No. 25, Bengaluru.	**East to West : 20 feet & North to South : 50 feet East by :** Others property thereafter Road **West by :** Present Municipal No. 7/2, belongs to Abdul Samad, **North by :** Conservancy Galli **South by :** Road	**Rs. 38,10,073/- (Interest from 23.12.2020) Notice Date : 24.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 67,31,000/-**	**03.02.2021 11.00 A.M**
4.	**Sri. Krishnappa.V** No. 1, 89, 2nd Cross, Bakshi Garden, Belimat Road, Dr. T.C.M. Royan Road, Bangalore-53. No. 227, Bakshi Garden, BBMP Ward No. 30 of K.R. Market, PID No. 30-56-227, Bangalore.	**East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 20 feet, East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No. 228, **North by :** Site No. 226, **South by :** Road,	**Rs. 8,41,667/- (Interest from 23.12.2020) Notice Date : 24.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 18,96,000/-**	**03.02.2021 11.30 A.M**
5.	**Sri. Khader Khan** No.140, cottonpet Bengaluru -53. No. 47/8, 3rd Cross, Nizamuddin Mohalla, Mysore Road, PID No. 46-1-47/8, Chamarajpet BMP Ward No. 46, Bengaluru.	**East to West: 11.6 feet & North to South: 43.6 feet East by :** Property of Sameemulla & Zuber Bhai, **West by :** Common passage of 6 feet & Akram Pasha's Property, **North by :** Property of Sri. Sulaiman & Common passage, **South by :** Common passage & Sri Habeeb Akthar's Property,	**Rs. 10,02,754/- (Interest from 23.12.2020) Notice Date : 24.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 35,55,000/-**	**03.02.2021 12.00 P.M**
6.	**Sri. Iqbal Abdul Khader** No.17, 7th "C" Cross Gopalapura, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-23. No. 12/2, 'A' Street, Gopalapura, BBMP Ward No. 25 of Ramachandrapuram, PID No. 25-63-12/2, Bengaluru.	**East to West : towards Northern side : 25 feet, towards Southern side : 30 feet & North to South: Eastern Side : 60 feet, towards, Western side : 44 feet. East by :** House belongs to D.H. Hanumanthaiah, **West by :** House belongs to D.H. Hanumanthaiah, **North by :** A Road, **South by:** Conservancy Galli	**Rs. 31,14,042/- (Interest from 23.12.2020) Notice Date : 24.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 52,68,000/-**	**03.02.2021 02.00 P.M**
7.	**Jayalakshmi K** No. U 16, 1st Cross, Maruthi Extesion, P.G. Halli, Banaglore-53. **1st Schedule :** No. U-16, (North Portion), New No. 2/2, PID No. 5-73-2/2, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, Rajamahal Guttahalli, Maruthi Badavane, Swimming Pool Layout, BMP Ward No. 5, Bengaluru.	**East to West : 31 feet & North to South: 16.9 feet. East by :** Property belongs to A Schedule holder Sri. P. Peruswamy @Pacha, **West by :** Property belongs to R. Sampangi, **North by :** Property belongs to Lingamma, **South by :** Common Passage,	**Rs. 10,61,444/- (Interest from 23.12.2020) Notice Date : 24.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 30,67,000/-**	**03.02.2021 2.30 P.M**
	2nd Schedule : No. U-16, (West Portion), New No. 2/2, PID No. 5-73-2/2, 1 st Cross, 3 rd Main, Rajamahal Guttahalli, Maruthi Badavane, Swimming Pool Layout, BMP Ward No. 5, Bengaluru.	**East to West : 10 feet & North to South: 18¼ feet East by :** 3 ¾ feet Common Passage, **West by :** Property belongs to R. Sampangi, **North by :** Item No. 1 property, **South by :** 3 rd Main & 8th Cross leading to 8th Cross of Malleshwaram,		
8.	**Sri. Mohammed Hameed** No.22, 9th Cross K.K. Lane, Cottonpet, Bengaluru-53. New Municipal No. 11, Old No. 52, 9th Cross, Kanthina Krishnappa Galli, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru, PID No. 27-51-11	**East to West : 27 feet & North to South : 17.6 feet Adjacent Portion East to West : 17 feet, North to south : 7 feet. East by :** Government Galli, **West by :** Channalingappa' s Property **North by :** Venkataramanappa' s Property **South by :** Neelarangappa' s Property	**Rs. 52,34,647/- (Interest from 23.12.2020) Notice Date : 24.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 77,86,000/-**	**03.02.2021 3.00 P.M**

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of Administrative office, No. 3, Pampa Maha kavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18. (2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, If the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner. (3) The successful bidders should deposit 25% of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D. to the bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of sale. (4) The Successful bidders shall bear all expenses like st duty Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour. (5) The authorised officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. (6) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd., Administrative office, or through phone No.26678572 / 26600512, they are at liberty to make their own Assessment / enquiry about the property.

Date : 28.12.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

GIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.

BENGALURU BRANCH OFFICE :
LEO Shopping Complex, 3rd Floor, No. 44 & 45, Residency Road Cross, Bangalore - 460025.
Tel. : (080) 42006017/18/19 **Email : bangalore@gichfindia.com**
REGD. OFFICE: National Insurance Building, 6th Floor,14, Jamshedji Tata Road, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020.

POSSESSION NOTICE

UNDER SUB-RULE (1) OF RULE 8 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (INFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

WHEREAS the undersigned being the authorized office of GICHFL, pursuant to the demand notice issued on its respective dates under section13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 calling upon you/Borrowers, the under named to pay outstanding dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the respective notices. You all have failed to pay the said outstanding dues within stipulated time, hence **GICHFL** is in exercise and having right as conferred under the provision of sub section (4) of section 13 of SARFAESI ACT 2002 read with rules thereunder, taken **Symbolic Possession** of the Secured Assets as mentioned herein below.

SR. NO.	LOAN NUMBER / NAME OF BORROWER AND CO-BORROWER /	ADDRESS OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY	OUTSTANDING DUES AS ON 31-12-2020 (INCL ALL OTHER CHG)	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	DATE OF SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
1	**KA0020610002749 Mr.Sameera Jayatheertha, Mr.Jayatheertha Prashanth (GPA Holder)**	Plot No: KH.NO.250/220/309/A, Brahmins Street, Hoskote Indl Area, Hoskote, Near Gayatri Bhavan, Bangalore Rural -562114.	**Rs.72,82,593/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
2	**KA0020610002722 Mr.Sameera Jayatheertha Mr.Jayatheertha Prashanth (GPA Holder)**	Plot No: KH NO-236/206/301/2, Ground floor, Brahmins street, Opp. Sri Raghavendra, Hoskote, Bangalore Rural-562114.	**Rs.28,50,825/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
3	**KA0020610002035 Mr. Vinod Kumar Madathil Vattekattu Mrs. Prema Suresh**	Flat No.B-1, Adharsha Enclave, Phase - 2, Siddedahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore-560073	**Rs.17,15,610/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
4	**KA0020610003547 Mr.Tharedakoppa Shanaiah Kempashaniah Mrs. S H Ramya**	Flat No.304,3rd Floor,Subham Lakshmi Lake View apartment, Site No.301,302 and 303,Clebrity Lake View layout, Rajapura Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560105	**Rs.25,83,005/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
5	**KA0020610003689 Mr.G Raghavendra Mrs.Indira Raghavendra**	House No: 305,3rd Floor, Peace Park Apartments, Near Jain Temple, Balagaranahalli, Attibelle-562107.	**Rs.52,91,021/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
6	**KA0020610003755 Mr.G V Ravanappa**	Flat No.203,2nd Floor,Subham Lakshmi Lake View Apartment, Site No.301,302 Rs. 27,64,358/- 15.09.2019 and 303, Clebrity lake view layout, Rajapura Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk,Bangalore-560105.	**Rs.28,44,842/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
7	**KA0020610003783 Mr.Susanta Dash**	Flat No.305, 3rd Floor, Subham Lakshmi Lake View Apartment, Site No.301, 302 and 303, Celebrity lake view layout, Rajapura Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560105.	**Rs.28,54,376/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
8	**KA0020610003800 Mr. Kishore Kumar Mrs. Sherigar Neha**	Flat No.425, 3rd Floor, Richmond Lake View Apartment, Sy.No.29/1, Ramakrishna Pura Village, Jigani Hobli, Bangalore-562106.	**Rs.55,71,539/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
9	**KA0020610003843 Mr. P Ram Satish Kumar**	Flat No.003, Ground Floor, MVS Orchids Apt., Site No.53 to 70, Sy No.30, Kavalahosahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562106.	**Rs.35,46,711/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
10	**KA0020610004005 Mr. S Madhu Mr. P Venkatesh**	Flat No.201,2nd & 3rd Floor, Twin Tower 1, Site No.4, Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore 560060	**Rs.74,41,141/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
11	**KA0021300106228 Mr.Mohamed Samiulla**	House No:102, Chandan Apartments, 1st Floor, 2nd main, 15th Cross, Near Achute Enclave, Near Orchid School, Srigandhadakaval, Viswaneedam, Bangalore-560091.	**Rs.7,90,894/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
12	**KA0020610002368 MR. Jayanna Thotappa Mrs.Jayanthi Thimmappa**	#72, BHEL, Ambabhavni Temple Road, MS Palya, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097.	**Rs.68,23,664/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020
13	**KA0020610002915 Mrs.Manjunath Savitha Mr.Jayatheertha Prasshanth (GPA holder)**	KH No: 250/220/309/A, Brahmins street, Hoskote Indl area, Hoskote, Near Gayatri bhavan,Bangalore Rural-562114.	**Rs.42,46,366/-**	09.09.2020	24.12.2020

FURTHER, to this notice, the Borrowers are hereby called upon to hand over vacant and peaceful possession of the respective properties to GICHFL within 7 days from the date of this notice, else the undersigned shall be constrained to proceed to take physical possession of the above properties forcibly by adopting method/s and/or may dispose the properties in line with the provisions provided under the SARFAESI ACT 2002 and rules thereto.

The BORROWERS and the PUBLIC IN GENERAL is hereby cautioned not to deal with the above referred Properties/Secured Assets or any part thereof and any dealing with the Properties/Secured Assets will be subject to charge of GICHFL for the amount mentioned herein above against Properties/Secured Assets which is payable with the further interest thereon until payment in full.

"Please note, while categorizing your loan account as Non - Performing Asset (NPA), we have taken into consideration the regularity moratorium scheme/package of RBI, In your case, the period of moratorium (March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020) has not been reckoned by us for the purpose of computation of NPA declaration period, thus, the six month moratorium is applicable only to those installment which fall due between March 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020, accordingly, only those borrowers would be covered whose loan account is outstanding as on March 1, 2020 and were properly servicing their account till that date and were not it default."

Date : 29.12.2020
Place : Bengaluru

For GIC Housing Finance Ltd.
Sd/-
Authorised Officer

SABARIMALA SHRINE OPENS TOMORROW

The Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa temple will open at 5pm on Wednesday for the annual Makaravilakku festival. The entry of pilgrims will be allowed from the morning of December 31 until January 19

Covid vaccine: Dry run goes off well in AP

Report prepared by district officers to be sent to Union Health Ministry; officials to keep an eye on adverse effects

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THE two-day Covid-19 vaccination dry run began at the five selected medical facilities in Krishna district on Monday.

District Collector A Md Imtiaz, who launched the dry run of the vaccination programme at an Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) in Vijayawada, said, "The aim of conducting the dry run is to pay attention to the management of all possible adverse events that are expected to arise after immunising people during the actual process, which will be done once the vaccine is released."

Apart from the mock drill of administering the vaccine, other activities such as transportation of the vaccine from the cold storage, ambulance facility in case any vaccinated person needs to be shifted hospital post immunisation due to development of abnormalities, feasibility of CoWin IT application, deployment of team members and mock drill test are also being conducted during the two-day run, he said.

A detailed report of the observations during the run will be prepared by the district medical and health officer, district collector, health commissioner and the 125 beneficiaries (health workers) on whom the dummy vaccine is being administered as part of the dry run. "The report will be submitted to the State Task Force, which will help us take further actions, things to modify and procedures to better. The same report will also be sent to the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare," the Collector said.

He further stated that all the primary health centres, urban PHCs, community health centres, hospitals (government and private), medical and other educational institutions if required and village secretariats will be turned into vaccination centres once the actual vaccination drive begins next year.

A woman gets vaccinated for Covid-19 in Vijayawada on Monday | EXPRESS

India has 229 mutations in spike protein

Hyderabad: Mutation in the spike protein of the novel Coronavirus has taken centre stage as the world remains on guard against the new variant of the virus from the United Kingdom. But as data shows, many variants of the virus with mutation in the spike protein have been found across the globe, including in India. Going through the information available with the GISAID Initiative has revealed that the country recorded 229 novel Covid-19 variants with mutation in their spike protein. Globally, there have been over 1,200 such variants. For India, the number is proportionally higher, from where 4,238 sequenced genomes of the Covid-19 are available with the GISAID Initiative. In UK, over 500 virus samples have been recorded with mutation, the number is proportionately smaller as the country has sequenced more than 1.3 lakh virus samples.

ECO-FRIENDLY TAG

Rushikonda beach in Visakhapatnam gets the Blue Flag, becoming one of the eight beaches in the country to get the Blue Flag Certification, a global recognition of India's sustainable development efforts | G SATYANARAYANA

Orthodox faction reps in 'cordial' meet with PM

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IN AN attempt to end the decades-old row in Kerala's Malankara Church, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with representatives of the Orthodox faction in New Delhi on Monday. Metropolitans Youhanon Mar Diascoros, Thomas Mar Athanasius and Youhanon Mar Demetrios met Modi along with Mizoram Governor P S Sreedharan Pillai, who has been holding parleys with both factions to end the dispute. Modi will hold talks with Jacobite faction's representatives on Tuesday.

Orthodox faction leaders, however, stuck to their stand and urged the PM to ensure the implementation of the Supreme Court order, which had given them the right to all properties of the Malankara Church.

"The meeting was cordial and the prime minister took note of our grievances. He promised us to work towards an amicable solution. He sought clarification on certain points, but did not comment on the issue. We insisted that the Supreme Court order should be implemented and any solution should be as per the Malankara Church constitution. We made it clear that our stand is that both factions should come together," said Orthodox Church synod secretary Metropolitan Mar Diascoros.

Pillai exuded confidence that a clear picture would emerge after the talks with the Jacobite faction on Tuesday.

ED files prosecution plaint against Bineesh

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@ Bengaluru

THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has filed a prosecution complaint against **Bineesh Kodiyeri** and his two associates – Mohammed Anoop and Rijesh Ravindran – under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 before the designated court in Bengaluru on December 26.

The ED had arrested Bineesh on October 29 under Section 19 (1) of the PMLA after his name had surfaced during the interrogation of drug accused Anoop. Under the PMLA, the law enforcement agency is required to file the prosecution complaint against the accused within 60 days of his arrest. Else, he can be released on natural bail. The 60-day period ends on Tuesday.

On December 14, Bineesh was denied bail in the money-laundering case on the grounds that he may influence witnesses and hamper investigation.

According to the ED, Bineesh allegedly has seven to eight bank accounts in Kerala in which unaccounted cash deposits running into crores of rupees have reportedly been deposited by unknown sources in the last four to five years. "He has indulged in transferring/ layering huge proceeds of crime into various bank accounts," said ED.

"Bineesh had reportedly created some shell companies, in some of which Rijesh and Anoop are shown as partners and directors. Bineesh has funded Anoop's narcotic drugs business in Bengaluru," the ED had stated.

Anoop's debit card was reportedly recovered during the ED search at Bineesh's residence. On October 17, the ED had arrested Anoop under PMLA. During his custodial interrogation, he had allegedly told ED officials that he "indulged in sale and purchase of narcotic drugs and was closely associated with Bineesh. All his financial dealings were done on the instructions of Bineesh," the ED had earlier stated.

The agency had also claimed gross mismatch between Bineesh's income tax returns and his actual income in the last few years.

'Grant autonomy only if colleges can govern selves'

ENS @ Bengaluru

PROF M R Doreswamy, an advisor to the State Government on education reforms, has recommended taking into account a few key criteria for granting autonomy to colleges.

He said the autonomous status of a college should reflect its capacity for self-governance in terms of admissions, designing innovative curricula, financial stability and management and competence to navigate the institution towards excellence in education.

"Although the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has recommended that all higher education institutions should move towards autonomy by 2030, given the large number of colleges in the state, their capacity for self-governance -- particularly the new colleges and government colleges located in geographically disadvantaged locations -- I recommend carrying forward this recommendation in phases, giving ample opportunity, time and support to these institutions to move towards autonomy in the time-frame set," he said in a statement.

He, however, pointed out that for institutions which have been assessed and accredited by NAAC as 'Grade A' successively twice, autonomy may be granted forthwith.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt. Chinnamma, Dlo. Late Papaiah & Late Munivenkatamma, Smt. Murithayamma D/o. Late Papaiah & Late Munivenkatamma, Sri Narasimhamurthy PP, S/o. Late Papaiah & Late Munivenkatamma,** have filed petition for death certificate of deceased **Munivenkatamma, W/o. Late Papaiah,** was died on 22/04/1998 at Polanahalli Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections with regard to issue of death certificate can appear before the Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli on **21/01/2021, at 11-00 A.M. in C.Misc.No. 275/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
MARIYAPPA, Advocates

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt. Khurshi W/o. Late Abdul Jabbarsab, Sri Saleem Pasha S/o. Late Abdul Jabbarsab, Sri Kaleem pasha S/o. Late Abdul Jabbarsab and Smt. haseen Taj D/o. Late Abdul Jabbarsab** have filed petition for death certificate of deceased **Mamtaj Begum, W/o. Rehaman Sab,** was died on 05/03/2013 at Venkataramanaswamy Temple street, Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections with regard to issue of death certificate can appear before the Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli on **19/01/2021, at 11-00 A.M. in C.Misc.No. 261/2020.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
MARIYAPPA, Advocates

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Shri. C M Reddy, CMD of Total Solutions Intec Pvt. Ltd.** has successfully won the BID through public E-Auction dated 15-12-2020 held by Union Bank Of India Asset recovery branch, Malleshwaram, Bangalore for purchase of property, converted land bearing **Sy No. 85, Uttari Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South taluk,** measuring 1 Acre34 Guntas bounded on :

East by : Road
West by : Property bearing Sy. No. 113
North by : Property bearing Sy No. 113
South by : Remaining Land of Sy. No. 85

That any person / persons having any claim interest or objections can contact me, with relevant documents and written objections with in **15 days** from the date of publications of this notice otherwise my client shall proceed further with purchase of property having no claims or objections from any person or persons

GANESH R, Advocate,
No. 28, 3rd Cross, M.M. Road, Cox Town
Bangalore. Mobile No.9448089084

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intend to purchase the schedule property from **Sri. RAMESH SRIDHARMURTHY KALUVE,** S/o. Sri. K. R. Sridharmurthy, R/at No. 402, Sobha Dewflower, J. P.Nagar, I Phase, Bengaluru-560 078.

That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/ have any claim over the schedule property and/or any objection for the transaction, they shall within **8 (eight) days** from today, shall register the same in writing, together with documentary proof of the same with the under signed.

That if no objection or claims is registered with in the said period, it will be deemed that the schedule property is free from all encumbrances, charges, objections and claims and my clients have right to proceed with transaction to purchase the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

The immoveable Property Residential Vacant **Site bearing No. 351,** formed by Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru, situated at **1st Block, Banashankari 6th Stage, Bengaluru,** measuring East to West: 12.00 mtrs.,North to South: 18.00 mtrs., totally measuring 216.00 sq.mtrs., and is bounded on;

East by: Property bearing No. 352, West by: Property bearing No. 350, North by: Road, South by: Property bearing No. 3521.

DAYA SHANKAR, Advocate
Flat No. 201, I Floor, 1386, J.J. Manor,
4th A Cross,10th Main, Hampinagar,
Bangalore-560 104. Cell No. 9845081939.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XXXVI ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITION MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU. Crl..Mis.No. 5763/2020

BETWEEN : Smt. SUMATHI B, W/o. Late Bhaskar Aged about 51 years, Residing at No. 3560/B, 9th Main, 4th Cross, Kaverinagar, BSK II Stage Bengaluru 560 074 : Petitioner
AND: The Commissioner, Registrar of Births and Deaths BBMP, Bengaluru : Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to The Commissioner, Registrar of Births and Deaths, BBMP, Bengaluru to register the date of death of the deceased who is the Husband of Petitioner who was by name BHASKAR, S/o. Siddik Shetty who was died on 04-05-2000 at Anjanapura Gollahalli, Bengaluru-560 062 and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the above court at 11.00 a.m. on 01-01-2021 which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 21.12.2020.

Advocate for Petitioner: Sri Muhammed Yunus S.H
Viraaj Law Associates, No.4, SSB Mutt Building,
Near Corporation Shopping Complex,
Near Upparpet Police Station, Bengaluru - 560 009.

IN THE COURT OF THE I ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA
C.Mis. No. 375 / 2020

PETITIONER: NARAYANAPPA S/o Late. Narasaiah, Aged about 50 years, R/at Yalachagere Village, Mandalakunte Post, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.
-V/s- **RESPONDENT: The Thahasildar,** Registrar of Birth and Death, Nelamangala Taluk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sri. Narayanappa S/o Late. Narasaiah, aged about 50 years, Residing at Yalachagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. I filed petition seeking order from the court to issue the death certificate by registering date of death of my father by name **Late. Narasaiah S/o Late. Durgaiah, died on 10.03.1977 at Yalachagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.** Hence any person or any public related or interested in this matter are invited for any objections and may appear in person or through pleader **on 02.01.2021 at 11.00 A.M.** before the I **Additional Civil Judge and JMFC Court at Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District,** and in default of your appearance on the day specified, the petition will be heard by placing you exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 23rd day of December 2020.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge (Junior Division) and J.M.F.C., Nelamangala.
Advocate for Petitioner: **B.M. SYRESH,** Advocate,
#65/1, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya, Byraveshwaranagara,
Near Sondekoppa Circle, Nelamangala-562123.

NMDC Limited
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Khanij Bhavan, 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500028
Telangana, CIN:L13100TG1958GOI001674

COAL DIVISION

Tender Enquiry No.: HO (Coal Division)/TOKISUD/MDO/2020/22 Dated: 29.12.2020

NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites online bids from experienced domestic bidders for Mine Developer-Cum-Operator (MDO) for Tokisud North Coal Mine, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand state for period of 25 years and extendable upto life of project.

The Bid Documents can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from MSTC portal **http://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc** from **29th December 2020.** The e-Tender ref. no. on MSTC portal is **NMDC/HO/78/20-21/ET/717**. Last Date for submission of tender is up to **14:00 Hours** on **15th February 2021** and the same shall be opened at **16:00 Hours** on **15th February 2021**. For any further information please contact Chief General Manager (Coal), NMDC Limited, Hyderabad, Tel No. **+91-040-23538778**, email: **nmdccoal@nmdc.co.in** or Naveen Kumar, MSTC, Mobile No. **9985626969.** The tender documents can also be accessed from NMDC website: **www.nmdc.co.in** and CPP Portal **http://eprocure.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Coal)

TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,
N.H. – 206, B.H. ROAD, MALLASANDRA, TUMKUR – 572 107.
Phone: 0816-2206297/142/490/46 Email: tmupur1234@gmail.com,tmupur99@gmail.com. Fax: 0816-2206760

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Tender Notification only through E-procurement)

Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-Procurement tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the supply of the material listed below:

Sl. No.	E-Procurement Tender No. & Date	Materials Details	E.M.D Amount Rs.
1	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2020-21/ IND8686 Dt: 16-12-2020	Supply of Rubber Mat (Cow Mat) – 5,000 Nos.	1,87,500-00
2	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2020-21/ IND8687 Dt: 16-12-2020	Supply of Auto EMT – 212 Nos.	1,91,000-00
3	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2020-21/ IND8688 Dt: 16-12-2020	Supply Of Corrugated Box to pack 100 ML Flexi pack - 1,00,000 Nos.	41,000-00
4	KMF/TCMU/PUR/2020-21/ IND8689 Dt: 16-12-2020	Supply and Installation of Desktop Computers-05 Nos, different types of Printer-06 Nos.	14,000-00

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: **From 18-12-2020 to 18-01-2021 / 2.00 P.M.**
2. Last Date for Submission of Tender: **18-01-2021 / 2.00 P.M.**
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (Cover-1): **19-01-2021 / 2.30 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address For E-tender: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560009

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಜಿಸಕೋ-4/ಸಿಆರ್/37/2019-20 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.12.2020

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2021ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಗಣರಾಜ್ಯೋತ್ಸವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಪ್ರಯುಕ್ತ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಫೀಲ್ಡ್ ಮಾರ್ಷಲ್ ಮಾಣಿಕ್ ಷಾ ಪರೇಡ್ ಮೈದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಮಿಯಾನ / ಆಸನ ಮತ್ತು ಪೀಠೋಪಕರಣಗಳ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲು **ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಲಾಗಿದೆ** ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಏವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: (1) JINAKO(4)/CR-37/2020-21. (2) ಪ್ರೀಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ:**02.01.2021, 15:00 ಗಂಟೆ.** (3) ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **05.01.2021, 16:00 ಗಂಟೆ.** (4) ಬಿಡ್ ಅನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **06.01.2021, 16:30 ಗಂಟೆ.**

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e-mail : cb2421@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

1. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of SME Mahadevapura, Bengaluru Branch of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is " on **29/01/2021**, from 10.30 A.M. to 11.30 A.M for recovery of **Rs. 10,95,24,301.70** (Rupees Ten Crores Ninety Five Lacs Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred One and Seventy Paisa only) with further interest and other incidental expenses/costs from 30/11/2020, due, to the SME Mahadevapura, Bengaluru Branch of Canara Bank from **M/s Kwikfix Hospitality Pvt Ltd, Mr Manoj Thyagarajan, Mrs Judy Sweena Kamal, Mr Thyagaraj K M and Mr Christopher James Alphonse.**
The reserve price will be **Rs 5,31,35,000/-** (Rupees Five Crore Thirty One Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs 53,31,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Only). The earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before **26/01/2021 till 4 PM.**
Details and full description of the property: All that piece and parcel of Industrial Plot No.8-A, presently bearing Neraluru Village Panchayat, Khata No-1143/8A and property identification Number-150200101500401245 issued by the Panchayath Development Officers, Neraluru Village Panchayath, Anekal Block, Bangalore District carved out of survey Number-66 in the industrial area within the Village limits of Balagaranahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk,Bangalore District formed by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board, Bangalore containing by admeasurements 22832.72 Sq Ft and bounded on the- East by :Plot No. 8B, West by : KIADB Road, North by :KIADB Road,South By : Plot No. 8E.

2. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of SME Mahadevapur, Bangalore of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" condition on **29/01/2021,** from 10.30 A.M. to 11.30 A.M, for recovery of **Rs. 28,33,536.61** (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Six Sixty One Paisa only) with further interest and other incidental expenses/costs from 30/11/2020, due, to the SME Mahadevapura, Bengaluru Branch of Canara Bank from **M/s Renuka Sales Corporation and Mr M.P. Narayana Rao.**
The reserve price will be **Rs 13,46,000/-** (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs 1,34,600/-** (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred Only). The earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before **26/01/2021 till 4 PM.**
Details and full description of the property: All that part and parcel property Standing in the name of M P Narayana Rao at New No.D 2/1A, New Bamboo Bazaar, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysore,Property bearing No.2203/168-2A and measuring 665 Sq.feet and entire site is bounded on the East by : House property belonging to Ramaiah, West by : House property belonging to Rukmini Bai, North by: House property belonging to Tulasa Bai,South by: Road.

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, SME Mahadevapura Branch, OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the Canara Bank, SME Mahadevapura Branch, GL A/c No 209272431 IFSC Code: CNRB0002421 on or before **26.01.2021 at 5.00pm.**
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.canarabank.com /english/announcements/sale-notice/karnataka/ provided on the Secured Creditors' Website i.e www.canarabank.com. or may contact **Manager, SME Mahadevapura Branch, Ph. No. 080-28513069, And Mobile Number: 9483522421** during office hours on any working day.OR the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore,- e- mail: **eauction@ccsl.co.in** Contact Numbers:- 9480691777 & 8553643144.

Sd/-
Place: Bangalore Date: 28.12.2020 Authorised Officer

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560 064.
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

E-Auction Notice No. RWF/GSD/SALES SECTION/2020-21/05
Dated: 17.12.2020

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Materials Manager (PCMM), RWF invites E-Auction for the sale of scrap items (Ferrous/ Non-Ferrous/Miscellaneous and Others) online through the website **http//www.ireps.gov.in** E-Auction dates are given below: **January-**2021: 08.01.2021, 18.01.2021 & 27.01.2021, **February-2021:** 05.02.2021, 15.02.2021 & 24.02.2021, **March-2021:** 05.03.2021, 13.03.2021, 22.03.2021 & 30.03.2021. E-auction Catalogue can be viewed on our website **www.ireps.gov.in or www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in before 7 Days (Seven Days)** from the date of E-auction.

DY.CMM/DEPOT

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Term Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tenders through E-procurement from the eligible contractors who are empanelled in Karnataka Housing Board & also willing to empanel in KHB.

Name of work : Construction of retaining wall at Green Park (Sheik Roza) KHB Layout, Kalaburgi District.

- Tender reference Number : **KHB/2020-21/O.W./WORK INDENT - 770 & IFT No.96/2020-21 Date : 24.12.2020.**
- Amount put to tender – **Rs.11,67,501.00**
- Bid security amount – **Rs.30,000.00**
- Last date for submission of bid - **08.01.2021 up to 4.00 PM.**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru
Phone No. 080-22213511 / 080-22100077
web site : https://khb.karnataka.gov.in, https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is desirous of purchasing the Schedule Property from its present owners **Mr.Cyprian D' Cunha Ronald, Mrs. Aboline D' Cunha and Mrs. Aureen Ruby D'Cunha,** Residing at Lizian Villa, Subhas Road, Koppa-577126. It is reported that, Mr. Cyprian D'Cunha Ronald & Mrs. Aboline D' Cunha have acquired the right, title and interest over the schedule property by virtue of registered Sale Deed dated 07-06-1994 vide registered document No-1077/1994-95, Volume: 492, Pages: 10 to 14 of Book-1, dated 22-08-1994 in the office of the Sub-registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore and in-turn, they have jointly gifted one third (1/3rd) undivided right, title and interest over the schedule property to their daughter, Mrs. Aureen Ruby D'Cunha under the registered Gift Deed dated 31-08-2020 vide document No-GAN-1-01114-2020-21, CD No-GAND751 of Book-I, dated 31-08-2020 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore. In this manner, Mr. Cyprian D' Cunha Ronald, Mrs. Aboline D' Cunha and Mrs. Aureen Ruby D'Cunha have become the absolute co-owners of the schedule property.

Any person or persons asserting any charge, lien, right, title, agreement, interest or claim on the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the owners or objection to such sale in favour of my client should lodge his/her/their/its objections or claims with supporting documents with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS (7 Days)** of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period my client shall proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Plot bearing **No-B-5/2,** (Portion of Plot No-B5), situated in **Ananthapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** with an extent of 4000 Sq. Feet, comprised in then Yelahanka Town Municipal Khata No-114, now under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and having BBMP Khata No-911/114/B-5/2, BBMP Ward No-2/Chowdeshwari together with all appurtenances and bounded on that:

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EDITORIAL

Feelings come and go like clouds in a windy sky. ... The essence of happiness is a body that is not in pain and a heart and mind that are not oppressed by anxiety, fear or hatred

Thich Nhat Hanh

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— Ramnath Goenka

NOT JUST ECONOMIC, POLITICAL STIMULUS TOO IN SHORT SUPPLY

A driverless metro rail was inaugurated in Delhi on Monday, with much fanfare. Sooner rather than later, such driverless marvels will surely ply on metro tracks elsewhere in the country, using perhaps 'one nation, one card'. But before such oneness of purpose is achieved, the pandemic-ridden economy has to be vaccinated. The RBI has suggested some above-the-line fiscal stimulus to stimulate growth. Now that the economy, apparently on auto-pilot, is showing signs of picking up, the government might as well act. The stagnating demand side of the economy too is showing some signs of life, even if nowhere near pre-Covid levels. All this, experts feel, is largely sui generis, unless those direct transfers of ₹600-2,000 to individual bank accounts are suddenly spurring demand for FMCG products, which is one of the green-shoot areas.

But who can pressurise or persuade the government to act now? The main opposition party, the Congress, itself runs with no pilot. Its leader is only occasionally visible. After a few rallies in Bihar, Rahul Gandhi was so exhausted that a private holiday at sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's Shimla home was needed. Soon thereafter, he was tending to his mother Sonia Gandhi, who had to take refuge in Goa to avoid Delhi's polluted air. Now he's off to Milan, to take care of his grandmom. While all this is very touching, an opposition leader constantly putting his family above his political duties is less than common, if not a bit odd. Particularly when the Congress and the opposition space it holds looks empty and indecisive because of Rahul's flights of fancy. Every individual deserves me-time, but not as a public statement or at the cost of public commitments, like say the 136th foundation day of his own party. Twitter can't be a tool for public engagement. Like the economy, the Congress party too seems to be in need of a stimulus package to bounce back.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT IN BEDI'S OUTBURST

The Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA) has installed a statue of its late president Arun Jaitley. It has come up at the stadium previously called Feroz Shah Kotla, which has also been named after the BJP stalwart who held various important portfolios as a central minister, including finance and defence. The practice of naming cricket stadiums after politicians and administrators of the game is not new in India. It has been going on for decades. But Bishan Singh Bedi's denouncement of the decision to install Jaitley's statue instead of a cricketer's has rekindled this debate.

None of India's 25-odd international cricket venues are named after players. There are stands or gates bearing their names in five or six places. Statues in sports arenas are rare in India, other than those of late cricketers D B Deodhar and C K Nayudu in Pune and Vizag. While Jaitley's might well be the first life-size statue of an administrator, there are many stadiums named after cricket officials and politicians of different eras and parties. Some of these politicians had no connection to cricket. In contrast, the effort to preserve the memory of cricketers and players in general is unmistakable in the major venues of England, Australia, West Indies and New Zealand. Stadiums, stands, bowling ends, walkways, plaques, photographs and statues, noted players are remembered in various forms in these places.

The Indian subcontinent has been averse to this idea. The story is similar in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Sports nomenclature has historically been a tool for political propaganda in this region. Being the most popular sport, cricket is a natural target. From a broader perspective, the former India captain and legendary spinner's outburst is a shout against this practice. Administrators play an important role, but they are not meant to get the public to watch the game. That is done by performers on the field, who engage fans, generate revenues and inspire future generations to take up sport. Bedi's tirade may not change anything, but it reminds one that sidestepping cricketers when it comes to preserving memory is not cricket.

The elections in Jammu & Kashmir have created a space for goodwill that must be exploited through a deliberate outreach

J&K'S DDC POLLS: SETTING THE RIGHT COURSE?

LT GEN SYED ATA HASNAIN (RETD)

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AMIT BANDRE

Many people are trying to make sense of the recently concluded elections to district development councils (DDCs) in Jammu & Kashmir, a practice that does not exist anywhere else in the country. At best of times it's not easy to comprehend the complexities that go with events in J&K; there is invariably a political, diplomatic or security-related fallout. These elections can be viewed through the structural reform and administrative advantage they bring, the political fallout of the electoral exercise, and the security spin-off.

It's clear that by adding another layer between the panchayats and the legislative Assembly, it's essentially an experiment to empower the grassroots, as authorised by the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, and under J&K Panchayati Raj Rules, 1996, of the Constitution of India. In a region where separatist trends have been prevalent, one of the better ways of defeating them is by more political and executive empowerment at the lower levels, while ensuring there is no corruption. The additional district development commissioner will be the CEO of the DDC with the chairman being an elected member. Having an elected third tier of the Panchayati Raj institution marks the implementation of the entire 73rd Amendment Act in J&K, which was never made effective by previous governments. The other addition is that the district planning process has been handed over directly to the elected representatives as against the practice of deputy commissioners initiating this. It could be a recipe for good governance provided the DDC members are formally trained in their duties. Only time and the degree of seriousness with which the state administration ultimately handles this will finally decide the success or failure. Yet, it's a bold experiment in a conflict-ridden region with a partially estranged population that has seen little grassroots politics for 30 years; thus self-empowerment at the lower levels of administration could be an effective antidote.

The successful elections conducted in a peaceful environment have been a slap in the face of Pakistan, which has been attempting to paint India in a bad light all over the world. There can be no better demonstration of Indian democracy than the high percentage of electoral turnout. The result is not as important with both the BJP and the seven-party People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) claiming victory with the number of seats that they have secured. What the PAGD should remember is that these were 'bread and butter' elections and treating them as a referendum on Article 370 will fetch it no dividends in the long run. The latter has been nullified by a legislative Act of Parliament, an action as democratic as the exercise being carried out in J&K. These elections are acting as an interim electoral exercise in the long gap between the dismissal of the last elected government and the subsequent Assembly polls after the exercise of delimitation, thus assuaging negativity and adding to India's democratic credentials. Such an exercise helps to keep sentiments in check and appropriately message the international community that is always being subjected to Pakistan's propaganda.

The election result continues to be a reiteration of the old narrative with Kashmir's DDCs under PAGD leadership and the DDCs in Jammu region except the Pir Panjal and Chenab Valley belt with the BJP. Some of the Chenab Valley areas and the Pir Panjal where the outcome is divided will witness some political jostling. This political divide has never suited either governance or state politics. What the leaders will need to do is work on bringing the people of Kashmir and Jammu regions closer, an exercise that can be achieved but clearly needs external stimulus and some consensus joint leadership, which is missing. The BJP has made its nascent entry into the Valley with three seats that it hopes it can expand upon along the road to the Assembly elections at least two years away.

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What one should fear is a repeat of history, something that happens in J&K once too often. We witnessed good elections in 2008 followed by two years of violence in the streets. We then conducted the first panchayat polls in 2011 with astoundingly high turnout figures but this too was frittered away in the wake of the Burhan Wani wave and subsequent events that took J&K back a couple of years. The DDC elections have created a space for goodwill that must be exploited through a deliberate outreach. The BJP is sensing opportunity and on that could ride hope for a hands-on campaign to go to the people in an unending town hall-style of interactions. A lot depends on how the PAGD progresses in terms of unity. It could press for restoration of statehood as a positive agenda but if it continues to harp on restoration of Article 370, this agenda could be hijacked by anti-national elements with unpredictable consequences.

From the security point of view, just remember that ever since 5 August 2019, the absence of politics has facilitated the security forces and the intelligence agencies in neutralising several over ground worker (OGW) networks. That process is not yet over but it has ensured an almost total domination over the counter terrorist (CT) grid; success through 2020 can largely be attributed to this. The separatists have been marginalised but are not down and out. The return of grassroots politics many times facilitates low-profile OGWs and through them the energisation of the terror grid. Pakistan awaits such a situation when the 4G networks can no longer be denied activation. A high-profile proxy campaign such as that of targeting policemen and their families in 2017-18 could again reactivate separatism and terror. The period between the DDC and Assembly elections is a crucial one in J&K. What we cannot afford any longer is a surge in terrorist influx by infiltration or recruitment. The Army is doing well on the counter infiltration grid and in its engagement of youth programs. It can do a lot more by facilitating intra-state cooperation and interaction besides also grassroots stabilisation of political activity without interference—simply through creation of a secure and cooperative environment.

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WHY WE SHOULDN'T ASSOCIATE VIOLENCE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

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In the wake of violence, sexual assaults, mob aggression, etc., in various parts of the country in the recent past along with an increase in intimate partner violence, child and elder abuse during the ongoing pandemic, words like '*pagal aadmi*', 'psycho', 'mass hysteria' or 'crackpot' keep circling among the public. Many are convinced that such inhumane acts can only be caused by people with 'unsound' minds. This notion is not right, considering a riot or mob violence takes years of nurturing and the involvement of multiple hierarchies.

Recently one of my journalist friends asked me, "Psychiatrists say mental disorders are not linked to violence. Don't you think mass killings in the West and the endless violence here are all some signs of impending mental illness?" I have faced similar questions in the past. Being a physician, especially a psychiatrist, this triggered a thought. I took this opportunity to guide the readers through three basic facets: 1. What constitutes mental disorders and what do not? 2. How might people with and without mental disorders be capable of cruel and immoral behavior? and 3. Understanding the differences between the two.

We understand where this comes from. Through media portrayal, it has been popularised that any asocial, bizarre, inhumane or sadistic act can be considered to be a 'disease of the mind', with the perpetrator getting the label of 'delusional' or 'psychotic' or the generic term of 'deranged', much to his/her comfort. This gives a potential defence against the legal outlook, as it happened with one of the accused in the Nirbhaya case. It evokes our empathy related to the perpetrator and we find solace in accepting 'mental disorder' as a reason for the crime, which is a more plausible and pragmatic explanation for us. Why? The mentally ill have traditionally been marginalised and segregated from society, wrongly viewed as dangerous. We believe this keeps us safe and in denial of the brooding evil in our inner selves.

We, the psychiatrists, are partially at fault here, having not done enough to clarify the boundaries of mental illness. Section 84 of the IPC (traditionally derived from the M'Naghten rule of the UK) details the criminal responsibility of the insane. It uses terms like 'unsoundness of mind' as a reason for commission of an act contrary to the law. Now, in a country where feeling sad is equated to depression and taking pride in one's actions is deemed to be narcissism, it is difficult to bring forward the true definitions of mental illness. The concept of a mental disorder lacks a consistent operational definition. Added to that is the prevalent stigma, lack of awareness and reductionist approach towards mental health in our country, which makes the situation more complex.

So what constitutes a mental disorder? To answer my journalist friend: There are standard diagnostic systems like ICD-10 and DSM-5 based on which we diagnose mental disorders, just like diabetes or hypertension. Simply put, shocking acts of violence, revenge, sexual assault, hate crimes, etc., alone do not constitute mental illness by formal scientific standards. Forensic psychiatrists clearly state that it is a grave mistake to consider a criminal act to be the result of a mental illness simply because it was horrific or grave. The heinousness of an act has nothing to do with a diagnosis. It obviously can be correlated to the state of mind as psychopathy is common in the perpetrators of these crimes. It is also vital to understand that completely sane individuals are equally capable of committing such severe crimes and do not necessarily need to be mentally troubled. In fact, psychotic individuals rarely turn aggressive and that too, only when provoked in relation to their symptoms (for example, a person with a delusion that someone is spying on them might get agitated to see a stranger near his house). However, the actual incidence of physical violence and aggression by mentally ill individuals is very low (less than 1%).

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Ironically, the need to be selfish, oppositional, violent and self-servingly sadistic has always been there in the human race. It just needs the correct triggers to surface. We have evolved and segregated ourselves into caste, race, religion, and political and socio-ethnic based groups. The diversity of individual or collectivistic interests and disrespect to varying opinions are often the potential triggers for this innate violence to resurface. We cannot diagnose any individual involved in mob violence, not even the person who first started the aggression. Unfortunately, our psychiatric diagnostic system is not equipped to make collective diagnoses, else the entire district, state or country would probably have been labelled as deranged simply because we ourselves have ingrained this group-based hate in our mind for years, be it for a particular community or religion, and have only waited for the right channels to vent it out. A certain ideology or a certain speech might have provided that. In that case, the very system is of unsound mind, not a particular individual. And this is exactly where this differs from the mass shootings in the West, where a single person with a sociopathic or delusional ideology attempts to cleanse the world off its impurities in a much more impulsive and crude way than the Nazis thought about eugenics. Do we call them as suffering from mental illness then? It can be debated, but it's a collective issue building up for generations altogether.

Once again, does immoral, callous, cruel and supremely selfish behavior exclusively constitute mental illness? The answer is no. These socially deviant traits are widely prevalent, irrespective of a diagnosed mental disorder. Some of the perpetrators might be gullible, neurotic, easily brainwashed into mass violence; however, these personality traits do not make someone mentally ill.

No country or state is inherently violent. Misinformation has kept us in popular denial for long. It's high time we realise that the 'mass' in mass hysteria is composed of each one of us. Hence, preventing aggression and hatred is a collective responsibility. Reflecting on our collective thinking, tolerance and empathy towards others might be more helpful in averting crises like the Nirbhaya or Hathras case rather than blaming them solely on isolated sociopaths or people suffering from mental illnesses.

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KCR's move pragmatic

Telangana CM K Chandrashekhar Rao changing his stance on the farm laws is a pragmatic move. He was perhaps convinced by experts about the laws being in favour of farmers, or the BJP offered an olive branch after defeating him in polls twice. Either way, it is a feather in Modi's cap.
K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Toeing the Central line

Being a seasoned politician, KCR changed his stance overnight after meeting with PM Narendra Modi. It has finally dawned on the government to toe the Central line and win political favours from the BJP.
Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Approach with open mind

There seems to be no middle ground being reached by the Centre and the farmer unions. The BJP's lawmaking process right now is harsh. It would be better to address the agitation with an open mind.
V Sathyanarayanan, Tiruchanoor

LDF placing trust on youth

Arya Rajendran is all set to script history as the youngest mayor in India at 21. She won from an LDF ticket in Thiruvananthapuram. In another welcome development, Reshma Mariam Roy is to be the youngest panchayat chief at 21. The LDF placing their trust in the youth is laudable.
N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Rajinikanth's health

Actor Rajinikanth's poor health may affect his dreams of launching his political party in Tamil Nadu. It would be good to nominate someone as his successor to make public appearances when he cannot.
S Lakshmi, email

AIADMK's bold statement

The AIADMK's statement that it would form the next government no matter the alliances and that there was no need for a coalition government was bold. It is ridiculous that the BJP, not having a single MLA in the Assembly, felt it had any authority on selection of the next CM.
S Nallasivan, Tirunelveli

Concerns not unfounded

This is with reference to *Tackling the rise of right-wing authoritarianism* (Dec 28). The author's concerns are not unfounded. The rise of right-wing politics is due to the fear of left-wing authoritarianism, which too merits concern.
Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

How can oppn get unity?

The author has not spoken about the cause of rising right-wing politics. Wasn't it the failure of the earlier governments? He also does not say how the opposition can achieve unity when the leader of the largest party is highly immature and indifferent.
Vijay Kumar C, Bengaluru

A personal responsibility

This is with reference to *The trouble with NEP's Multiple Entry/Exit System* (Dec 28). Higher education should be a personal responsibility. This way, students wanting to pursue higher education will be responsible and accountable to society.
Umashankar M S, email

Harsh working conditions

This is with reference to *A lesson in labour rights from the 1860s* (Dec 28). The editorial has highlighted the harsh working conditions imposed upon workers. Globalisation has caused businesses to go the cheaper route for more patronage.
A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Mehmood Pracha @MehmoodPracha
After one half hour of unnecessary harassment I am still not scared. Pl give up on trying to scare an Ambedkarwadi.

Ashok Gehlot @ashokgehlot51
As weather department issues orange & yellow alert for #Rajasthan regarding #ColdWave conditions, I urge all to take maximum precautions.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
The blood of freedom movement and the movement of farmers and workers flows in the veins of the Congress party

PM flags off 100th run of Kisan Rail service in the country, says his government will persist with measures to strengthen the agriculture sector with full dedication

Law reforms will boost rural economy: Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday flagged off the 100th run of the Kisan Rail service in the country between Sangola in Maharashtra and Shalimar in West Bengal, and asserted that his government has undertaken historic reforms in the farm sector to boost agriculture and strengthen farmers.

During his address after flagging off the train via video-conferencing, Modi said his government will persist with measures to strengthen the agriculture sector, adding that the steps are being taken with the full participation of the farmers and people in the rural areas.

"It is the participation and support of the rural people, farmers and youth that makes the government's efforts successful. We will keep on marching on the path of strengthening agriculture with full dedication," the PM said.

Since the enactment of the three farm laws, Modi has regularly been speaking in support of the legislations, with a common theme that the measures would boost private investment in the agriculture sector that will translate into higher incomes for the farmers.

"Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and cooperative groups like women Self Help Groups (SHGs) get priority in agri-business and agri-infrastructure. The recent reforms will lead to the expansion of agri-business and these groups will be the biggest beneficiaries. Private investment in agriculture will support the government's effort to help these groups," the PM said.

> **No minimum quantity has been fixed to transport through the kisan rails so that even the smallest produce will be able to reach the big market properly at a low price**
>
> Narendra Modi, PM

Underlying the increasing demand for kisan rails by the small and marginal farmers to transport their produces, Modi argued that the train rakes, which are like cold storages, are giving the farmers alternatives to realise higher incomes.

"Even during the pandemic, 100 kisan rails were launched in the last four months. This service will bring a major change to the economy related to farming," he added.

Farmers on tractors slogan at the Ghazipur border in New Delhi on Monday during their protest against the Centre's new farm laws | PARVEEN NEGI

IPS officers to hold talks with farmers

Lucknow: To map the impact of the farmers' stir, the UP government has appointed senior IPS officers as nodal officers across 75 districts to establish a dialogue with farmers. The officers, especially those entrusted with western UP districts, have been directed to convince farmers of the benefits of new farm laws and stop them from taking part in the ongoing agitation in the NCR. The instructions issued to the nodal officers include preparation of a list of prominent farmer leaders and those willing to be a part of the protests. They have also been asked to strike a dialogue with the tillers to resolve their disputes as much as possible. The circular gives three days time to the officers chosen to identify those farmers who are willing to join agitation.

'False narratives harming economy'

New Delhi: False narratives about the new farm laws are doing significant harm to the interest of farmers as well as the economy in general, Niti Aayog vice-chairman Rajiv Kumar said on Monday and expressed his disappointment at some economists changing their stance on the new legislations. As farmers continue their protests, Kumar also emphasised that continued negotiations with protesting farmers is of course the way forward. "Any argument that these measures (the Centre's new farm laws) will open the farmers for exploitation by large corporates is completely false because the government has assured Minimum Support Price (MSP) to all the farmers on a range of crops," he told a news agency.

Victory in recent polls shows trust for BJP, says Irani

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE BJP on Monday claimed that the recent local body poll wins in a number of states have endorsed the reform measures of the party-led government at the Centre. Since September, the BJP has won local body polls across states, including Arunachal Pradesh and Bodo Hill Council, which affirm the faith of the people in the government at the Centre, said Union minister Smriti Irani at the BJP headquarters.

She said the party has been winning local body polls since the enactment of the three farm laws. The farmers, incidentally, have been protesting against the laws, calling for their repeal, while blocking key highways at the border posts with the national capital. "Since September 27 when the President gave his assent to the three farm laws, the BJP has seen popular support for the party in the elections, including the Bihar Assembly polls," said Irani.

The minister, who is also a Lok Sabha MP from Amethi, said the outcome of elections are an indication that PM Modi and the BJP have been able to secure the trust of the people.

She added that the people in rural areas have shown full faith in the PM's leadership, giving a fitting reply to the attempts of the Opposition, including the Congress, to create an illusion rural anger against the BJP. She counted the BJP's wins in 11 states and said that the party got higher seats in local body polls in eight states.

She emphasised that the BJP in the Arunachal Pradesh local body elections, held on December 22, won 187 of the 242 zila panchayats seats. "The BJP won in more than 6,450 village panchayats, besides winning the Pasighat Municipal Council elections, where the Congress got only two seats," added Irani.

Support swells as Punjab businessmen, ex-servicemen pitch in for protesters

BJP team meets DGP over attack on offices

A BJP delegation met Punjab Police chief Dinkar Gupta on Monday over targeting of party offices and workers by "divisive and disruptive forces" who are taking advantage of the farmers' protest against the Centre's three farm laws, and demanded strict action against them.

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB'S businessmen, lawyers, retired and serving employees, professionals and ex-servicemen are showing their solidarity with the protesting farmers. They are present at protest sites at Delhi's Singhu and Tikri borders.

A group of senior retired officers recently went to the Singhu border and offered financial help. They plan their second trip soon. Vikram Singh, who retired as general manager from Reserve Bank of India, went along with a few friends.

"We went there in the morning and returned the same day. It is like a pilgrimage. We gave donations for which we were issued receipts. We will take other items needed for them on our second trip," said Vikram.

A leading senior lawyer of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Anmol Rattan Sidhu said dozens of lawyers from the high court donated money and other items to the farmers. "It is a non-political agitation. The new laws are being forced on farmers," he said. "Our '*annadata*' is being termed as a separatist. We went to the Delhi border to express our support to the agitating farmers," said Col LJS Gill (retd).

Amarjit Singh, who deals in electronic goods, says he went to the Delhi border, says locals in Haryana are supporting the farmers. "The farmers are ready for a long haul. We'll go there again," he said.

"Most defence personnel come from farming background... the attitude of the government towards the protests is unacceptable," says Col Iqbal Singh (retd). He was joined by Brig Inder Mmohan Singh (retd), who recently visited the Singhu border.

COVID VACCINE

Eyeing 300 mn doses by July next year: SII

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POONAWALLA said that after the company receives regulatory approvals "in a few days", it will be down to the government to decide "how much they can take and how fast".

Speaking about production targets, he said SII will be producing around 300 million doses of Covishield by July next year.

On the availability of Covishield, Poonawalla said that the first six months of 2021 may see a shortage globally. "Nobody can help that. But we will see easing off by August-September 2021 as other vaccine manufactures too will be able to supply," he added.

On the long-term supply of the vaccine, he said as India is a part of 'COVAX' -- a vaccine alliance meant to ensure coronavirus vaccine to low- and middle-income countries -- his company will keep supplying 50 per cent of its total production to India and to COVAX at the same time.

No data of non-elderly for vaccination

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE Centre's Covid-19 vaccination plan includes those with comorbidities, along with people above 50 as the third priority group, but the government does not have a concrete database of younger people with underlying diseases.

The government has said that 30 crore people, healthcare and frontline workers — 1 crore each — and 27 crore individuals comprising elderly and those with comorbidities will be immunised against the Covid-19 in the first phase. This is in line with the recommendations by the National Expert Group on Covid-19 Vaccine Administration. Officials in the health ministry, however, said while it has a database of elderly people derived from the Census of India's Report of The Technical Group on Population Projections, 2019, details of younger people with underlying conditions are still sketchy.

"Our estimation of the third priority group is based on the understanding that around 80% of those with comorbidities such as hypertension, diabetes, cancer and chronic lung and kidney disease are above 50," a top health ministry official told this newspaper.

The details of the other subgroup will largely come from the non-communicable disease centre at community health centres and district hospitals, the official said. He added that for those who may not be registered at the centres and must be seeking treatment in the private sector, states may be asked to carry out a household survey and procure details.

The overall prevalence of diabetes in all 15 states of India, for example, was estimated at 7.3% and it varied from 4.3% in Bihar to 10% in Punjab, as per a study published in the Lancet in 2017. The age-adjusted prevalence of hypertension was 11.3% among persons aged between 15 and 49.

This suggests that a much higher number of people younger than 50 years — rather than less than 60 lakhs as estimated by the health ministry for the vaccination drive — may be suffering from comorbidities. "If one looks for comorbidities among those coming to hospitals that will be very different from those in the population as those who are well don't come to health facilities," said public health researcher Oommen John.

GOVT ANNOUNCES GENOMIC SURVEILLANCE

In the wake of the new strain of Covid-19 detected in the UK, the Centre has formed a genomic surveillance consortium for laboratory and epidemiological surveillance of circulating strains in India. The genomic surveillance consortium, INSACOG, has been formed under the leadership of the National Centre for Disease Control of the Union health ministry. In India, over 50 samples of UK returnees are under sequencing at the designated laboratories to check whether they carry that the mutant virus that is believed to be more transmissible.

Restrictions for Covid to remain till Jan 31: MHA

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Monday extended the Covid-19 guidelines till January 31, 2021, asking the states and UTs to maintain strict surveillance and caution during this period amid concerns of new and highly infectious of the virus strain in the UK.

The government also asked the states to maintain "strict vigil" to prevent any fresh surge in cases in wake of upcoming New Year celebrations and ongoing winter season, which are favourable for the spread of the virus.

"While the number of active cases are declining steadily for last 2-3 months, the overall situation appears optimistic," the MHA order said.

The containment zones will continue to be demarcated and prescribed containment measures strictly followed within these zones, it said. *ENS*

Home Minister Amit Shah (L), former BCCI chief Anurag Thakur (R) after unveiling the statue of late Arun Jaitley at the Feroz Shah Kotla ground | SHEKHAR YADAV

Shah unveils statue of Jaitley at Delhi stadium

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday unveiled a six-foot life-size statue of late Bharatiya Janata Party leader and former District Cricket Association (DDCA) president Arun Jaitley at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, formerly known as the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium, on the occasion of his 68th birth anniversary.

The statue was prepared by 96-year-old renowned sculptor Ram Sutar, the man behind the making of the iconic Statue of Unity in Gujarat.

Shah said Jaitley was an outstanding parliamentarian whose knowledge and insights had very few parallels.

"He was like an elder brother to me. He was known for his sportsmanship spirit in political circle. He remained aggressive in his speeches but never lowered the dignity of the Parliament," Shah said in his tribute to Jaitley, who had remained DDCA chief for 13 years.

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly, India opener Shikhar Dhawan, ex-India opener Gautam Gambhir, who is also a BJP MP from Delhi, BCCI vice-president Rajeev Shukla and Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri also attended the unveiling ceremony along with a number of DDCA officials.

Ganguly said Jaitley's contribution was immense in the development of cricket in Delhi, though the DDCA has been in "turmoil" for some time. *ENS*

BJP taunts, Cong defends Rahul's absence on foundation day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AS the BJP took a swipe at Rahul Gandhi over his foreign trip while the Congress celebrated its 136th foundation day on Monday, the party defended its former chief, saying everyone has right to undertake personal visits and that the BJP was indulging in "low-level politics".

On Sunday, Rahul flew to Milan, while Congress chief Sonia Gandhi also skipped the flag hoisting ceremony at party headquarters due to her health. Party general secretary KC Venugopal said the BJP leaves no opportunity to target Rahul. "Rahul Gandhi has gone to see his grandmother. Is it wrong? Everybody has the right to undertake personal visits. Rahul Gandhi is not the party president still, he has participated in all events that the party requested him to. The BJP is indulging in low-level politics," he added.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi with party leaders during the flag hoisting ceremony on its 136th foundation day in New Delhi on Monday | SHEKHAR YADAV

The Congress leader's visit came at a time when the party is scheduled to hold elections to appoint its new chief early next year.

Targeting Rahul, Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan tweeted: "The Congress is celebrating its 136th Foundation Day and Rahul Gandhi has disappeared. It's so unfortunate for the Congress that the person being considered for the post of party chief is absent on the foundation day of the party. Nobody knows which country he is in."

In a video message, Sonia urged party leaders and workers to unite in fighting dictatorship and protecting the country's democracy, Constitution and the countrymen.

Sonia said the country is going through difficult times as prevailing before independence.

PEDOPHILA ACCUSED'S WIFE HELD

LUCKNOW: The wife of pedophilia-accused junior engineer of the state irrigation department from Banda was arrested by the CBI on Monday. Durgawati, wife of Ram Bhawan, was arrested for luring in the victims.

6 ARRESTED FOR ELECTROCUTING TWO ELEPHANTS IN ASSAM

Ahmedabad	23	9	Mumbai	29	20
Bhopal	22	7	Panaji	32	22
Jaipur	19	6	Patna	21	19
Amritsar	12	2	Lucknow	22	9
Chennai	29	24	Port Blair	29	26
Kolkata	24	11	Imphal	21	6
Srinagar	6	-2	Chandigarh	16	5

Budget constraints force the Navy brass to prioritise their acquisitions

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Navy is feeling the pinch of budgetary constraints at a time it has embarked on a drive to rationalise its platforms, systems, and equipment to fulfill the imminent security requirements, arising out of the changing threat scenarios and commitments.

A senior Navy officer told TNIE that finance was the biggest challenge for any state, more so when there were increasing commitments and decreasing budget. "Navy has prioritised its force acquisition and induction plan. Apart from giving a push to induct indigenously manufactured platforms, Navy is going for collaborative maritime security approach to optimise its own operational capability and that of the member countries," the officer said.

Navy has curtailed the numbers of various types of platforms to be inducted as, the officer said, it was quite conscious of the fact that there was a squeeze on budget owing to the economic challenges and the Covid-19 pandemic. "We will be inducting 34 fighters for our aircraft carriers in place of 57. We wanted 10 P8i maritime surveillance aircraft, we are accepting six," he added. Navy will now induct eight minesweepers and two Landing Platform Docks (LPD) based on the assurance that more will arrive after the economy recovers and the requirement emerges. Initially, Navy planned to procure 24 Minesweepers, which was brought down to 12, before settling for eight. Another step to use judiciously use the defence budget is the push for Indigenously manufactured platforms, aircraft, and systems. "Navy is fully committed to supporting the HAL for the Twin Engine Deck Based Aircraft. We are committed to the budget, as well as the idea," he said.

NAVY, DRDO WORKING ON TWIN-ENGINE JET

Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh had recently said that they were working with DRDO on twin-engine deck-based fighter... "My hope is that the twin-engine jet can enter service by early 2030s", he said

ED is BJP tool to topple Aghadi: Raut

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

SHIV Sena leader Sanjay Raut on Monday alleged that the BJP was misusing the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to topple the Maha Vikas Aghadi government. Raut alleged that 22 sitting MLAs of Uddhav Thackeray-government are likely to get ED notice in future to arm-twist them into withdrawing the support to the government.

"Shiv Sena MLA Pratap Sarnaik is just the beginning. I was also threatened that if I fought against the BJP, I too shall get into trouble. The middlemen close to BJP told me that the ED will do the job of toppling Thackeray government. However, I will not buckle under any pressure," Raut claimed. "The ED issued notice my wife who is a teacher. The notice was sent in 10-year-old loan case. How come the ED woke up now and started sending notices to our wives and children? I want to tell BJP that Sanjay Raut will give a fitting reply to their notice to his wife. I will give an answer in my style," Raut said.

Meanwhile, Raut claimed to be in possession of a list of 120 BJP leaders, who had amassed ill-gotten money and properties. "I will submit this list to the ED and ask them to take against these BJP leaders. Why is the ED only targeting the BJP's political opponent.," said Raut. The Shiv Sena leader alleged that the ED has been corresponding with BJP leaders, and updating them on the developments, making it clear that all the notices were politically motivated.

SAAMANA

Cong slams ally Sena for critical piece

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Congress leaders expressed their displeasure after Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut criticized Rahul Gandhi in party's mouthpiece *Saamana*. Sanjay Raut had called the Congress led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) an NGO, and demanded that NCP chief Sharad Pawar be made its chairman by replacing Sonia Gandhi. Raut had taken to task the UPA for not having in its ranks the leaders of Narendra Modi and Amit Shah's dedication and stature.

Maharashtra Congress leader Ashok Chavan said that the Sena is a regional party, with which Congress does not have any national-level alliance. "Our alliance with Shiv Sena is limited to Maharashtra. They should not comment or teach us on what Congress should do or not do. We are capable taking our own decisions," Chavan said. Another Congress leader, Nasim Khan, said that they will not tolerate negative remark against Congress president Sonia Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi.

"Sonia Gandhi is the president of United Progressive Alliance and she will remain in the post in future as well. The government in Maharashtra was formed on common minimum agenda that has to be honoured by the Uddhav Thackeray government. The chief minister has to take along all parties that are part of this government," Nasim Khan said.

Congress minister Aslam Sheikh, who had earlier complained about a cartel in BMC, said that the next mayor of the BMC will be from Congress and they will work in that direction.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee talking with party's MP Satabdi Roy on the sidelines of an administrative meeting at Bolpur in Birbhum | PTI

Backs Amartya Sen on 'illegal occupant' issue

After the land controversy over listing Amrtya Sen as an 'illegal occupant' emerged, Mamata, in a letter to Sen, wrote, "I am shocked and hurt to learn of the land dispute. Let me assure you, you have my full support."

Star cast to woo voters this election season

TMC will rope in its star lawmakers to woo young voters ahead of the election. Under the *Duare Taroka* (star at your doorstep) drive, its lineup will actor Nusrat Jahan, sportsmen Prasun Banerjee among others

Didi takes back campus road from Visva Bharati

Says action taken on complaint from ashramikas; Amartya Sen writes letter thanking her for support in 'illegal occupant' row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

DAYS before her much-publicised roadshow, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee became part of a road row after her government took back a path cutting through the Visva Bharati campus on Monday. The Public Works Department had handed over the road the Viswa Bharati authorities four years ago. Even as the road row was raging, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen penned a letter to Mamata, thanking her for her support after Visva Bharati listed him as an 'illegal occupant' on its land.

Mamata said that the decision to take back the road was taken after the ashramiks — those who were once attached to the institution but started living in Santiniketan permanently — complained about the central university authorities barring them from using their vehicles on the road. The road row comes days after Mamata made public her displeasure over not getting an invite to the university's centenary event, virtually addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. After holding an administrative meeting at Bolpur, Mamata said, "Today (Monday), before leaving Kolkata, I signed the file giving my permission to take back the road from the university following complaints from the ashramiks." She is scheduled to lead a roadshow along the same stretch in Bolpur, where Union Home Minister Amit Shah organised a similar event on December 20.

Sources in the State government said that the university authorities had started constructing walls on the land beside the road, barring the entry of vehicles of the residents or ashramiks. A tussle between the Trinamool Congress and the university authorities broke out in August last after the local party supporters demolished a portion of the wall and pulled down the main gate of Poush Mela ground. The tussle between the State government and the institution has been continuing since then.

Meanwhile, Amartya Sen, who was named as an illegal occupant as his house is on a plot owned by the central university, wrote a letter to Mamata thanking her for being by his side. ," he wrote.

> Your (Mamata Banerjee's) strong voice has given me strength. Not only did your letter touch me, but also I was reassured
>
> Amartya Sen, Nobel laureate

ASSAM BILL ON MADRASSA SPARKS FURORE

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

ASSAM's BJP-led coalition government introduced a bill to the Assembly on Monday to convert the state-run madrassas into general educational institutes with effect from the next financial year.

The Assam Repealing Bill, 2020, seeks to repeal the Assam Madrassa Education (Provincialization) Act, 1995, and the Assam Madrassa Education (Provincialization of Services of Employees and Re-Organisation of Madrassa Educational Institutions) Act, 2018. After the bill's introduction triggered a protest from opposition parties, Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the government was not taking any steps to close down or regulate the private madrasas.

"The teachers and the non-teaching staff of the madrassas, provincialised under the two Acts, will not face any difficulties. There is a clause that says notwithstanding such repeal of the Act, anything done or any action taken under the Acts so repealed before the date of commencement of the Repealing Act shall be deemed to have been validly done or taken under the Repeal Act," Sarma said. The bill proposed to convert the madrassas into upper primary, high and higher secondary schools with no change of status and pay, allowances and service conditions of the staff.

Madrasa education in Assam, which has over 600 such state-run institutes, was introduced in 1915. The government annually spends Rs 260 crore on the state-run madrasas and the Sanskrit "tols" (Sanskrit-learning centres).

Funding advisory

In February this year, the state government said "religious teachings cannot be imparted with government funds".

ALLIANCE PRESSURE

Was a reluctant chief minister: Nitish

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Patna

TWO days after JD-U's six MLAs in Arunachal Pradesh switched their loyalties to the BJP – an elder coalition partner in Bihar – Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has apparently conveyed his frustration citing coalition pressures post Assembly polls in his state.

"I didn't want to remain in the post of chief minister this time after the election results were declared. I have had it known to the coalition partners many times. But the pressure from allies, including BJP, was so much that I had to accept the offer," said Nitish on Sunday while speaking to party leaders.

He also said that he had many times asked the BJP to make its own candidate as CM, and that he would not mind the ally's choice.

State BJP leaders initially looked confused by Nitish's remarks as these came only a month and a half after the Assembly polls, but party sources later said a formal reaction wasn't called for, though a hint of caution vis-à-vis JD-U is clearly visible in the saffron camp. The opposition, however, termed Nitish's statement as a "drama". Congress spokesperson Rajesh Rathore sought to know how anyone could "forcibly" make Nitish the CM. He referred to the 2014 Lok Sabha polls when Nitish had made Jitan Ram Manjhi the Chief Minister, but later himself rode to the top post.

Leaders from across all parties in Bihar say there is no denying that Nitish is hurt by the defection, and that his current remarks convey a sense of displeasure. One leader said that Nitish felt so hurt that he did not visit Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad's house after the death of his mother.

'BJP ready for change in circumstances'

NDA sources said Nitish's move to hand over the affairs to RCP Singh was the beginning of the CM's move to national politics. "Whatever he does or speaks carries a strong meaning", said a BJP leader, adding the party was ready for any "sudden change of circumstances".

Arnab paid bribes to rig TRP: Ex-BARC honcho

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

THE ex-CEO of Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC), PARTH Dasgupta, who was recently arrested by the Mumbai police in the TRP scam told Mumbai police that Republic TV owner and Editor Arnab Goswami bribed him lakhs of rupees and costly a wrist watch to promote his channels.

Mumbai police also recovered over three kg silver from Parth Dasgupta's house. Dasgupta who was CEO of BARC between 2013 and 2019 told Mumbai police that the silver was bought with the money given by Arnab Goswami to promote his English TV channel Republic TV and Hindi Republic Bharat in TRP ratings. Mumbai police were given two-day custody of Dasgupta by a court here. Police said that it has been proven that Dasgupta connived with Arnab Goswami to rig the TRP ratings. "Dasgupta shared confidential data of people in whose houses the barometer was installed to measure the TRP. By using this data, Arnab Goswami bribed the households and asked them to watch their particular channels even though the household did not understand the English. Some houses were locked, yet the TVs were tuned into the particular channels. This was done at the behest of the people involved in the scam," said the police.

EXPRESS READ

Six wanted Maoists nabbed in Jharkhand

RANCHI: A joint team of Jharkhand Police and CRPF arrested six Maoists, out of which three had a bounty of ₹10 lakh each on their heads. According to Police, one of the arrested Maoist was also wanted for killing the then Pakur SP Amarjeet Balihar in a Maoist attack in 2013.

Apni Party looks to seize control of Srinagar

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE nine-month-old J&K Apni Party is making a concerted effort to wrest control of the prestigious Srinagar District Development Council (DDC) with the support of independent candidates.

If its efforts bear fruits, it will to add to the misery of the seven-party Gupkar Alliance, which suffered setback in Srinagar district. The party is also aiming to snatch the control of Shopian DDC in south Kashmir from the Gupkar Alliance.

Talking to this newspaper, Apni Party senior vice president Ghulam Hassan Mir said the party is hopeful of wresting control of Srinagar DDC, where it won three. Mir said the party had supported four independent candidates, who emerged victorious in Srinagar. One of the independent victors from Srinagar, Mohammad Shaban Chopian, has joined the party, taking its tally to four.

"We have emerged as the single largest party in Srinagar DDC and have the support of independent candidates. We will form the DDC in Srinagar," asserted Mir. Wresting control of Srinagar DDC will be a shot in the arm for the Apni Party, which was formed in March this year with an agenda to 'move beyond Article 370' and focus on restoration of statehood. The Gupkar Alliance has accused the Apni Party, led by influential businessman Altaf, Bukhari of being 'BJP's B team'.

Apni Party is also attempting to stake claim on Shopian district, where it has won two seats. Independent candidates have secured four, Congress one, and Gupkar Alliance seven seats in Shopian. While the Gupkar Alliance, with Congress' support, could have easily formed the DDC, four candidates – one each from NC, PDP, Congress and an independent – joining the Apni Party dampened the prospects of the alliance. The Apni Party now needs only two seats to control the Shopian DDC.

Party's rank swelling

Insiders in the Apni Party said the party leaders were in touch with independent candidates in Shopian. The party won 12 seats in J&K, but after a series of defections, their tally is now 20

IIT-BHU, ISRO sign MoU on space tech promotion

The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will establish its Regional Academic Center for Space (RAC-S) at IIT-BHU here. An MoU was signed between IIT-BHU and ISRO last week. IIT-BHU director Pramod Kumar Jain said that the RAC-S will act as a major facilitator for promoting space technology activities in UP, MP, and Chhattisgarh. IIT-BHU will be the leader and project monitor of RAC-S, in which Institutes of Excellence in the field of science and technology in these three states will take part.

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Officials extend a helping hand to transgenders

In a novel initiative to help the third gender, the Muzaffarnagar district authorities launched an online helpline for the community. Launched in the presence of more than 50 members of the transgender community, the helpline aims to assist them to work like normal people after quitting their traditional profession. It will spare them the daily harassment, ranging from teasing to molestation, due to their different looks, officials said. While launching the service, District Magistrate Selva Kumari J said that they would be provided all help. Through the website, the administration will provide guidance to the people of the community on education, rehabilitation, health issues, and also the much-needed physiological support. The portal is likely to get operational this week.

Air quality poor even after improvement

After a streak of 'severe' air quality days lasting nearly a fortnight, the pollution level slightly improved towards the weekend in UP cities. However, UP cities' dubious distinction of topping the top-10 chart of worst air quality continued unchecked. According to the Central Pollution Control Board data, Lucknow's air quality index (AQI) was 278, falling under 'poor' category. Karnataka's Kalaburgi with 419 AQI had the most polluted air in the country, followed by UP's Ghaziabad (367). Greater Noida (355) bagged the 5th spot, Bulandshahr (353) 6th, Noida (344) 7th, and Baghpat (322) 8th.

Noted Urdu writer Shamsur Rahman Faruqi passes away

Noted Urdu writer Shamsur Rahman Faruqi passed away at his native Allahabad last week. He was 85, and had recovered after testing positive for Covid-19 in Delhi last month. Faruqi had some complications even after recovering and as his condition deteriorated, he requested his family members to take him home -- Allahabad. "He arrived in the city by air ambulance on Friday. He breathed his last just half an hour after reaching home," said his brother N R Faruqi. A Padma Shri awardee, Faruqi wrote the acclaimed novel Kai Chand The Sar-e-Aasmaan, and was given Sarswati Samman for his seminal work on poet Mir Taqi Mir. He also brought out Shabkhoon, a literary magazine considered to be a coveted possession by people of literary disposition. Pratapgarh-born Faruqi was multi-faceted litterateur, critic, theorist, and novelist, all rolled into one.

17 crew members

missing after a Russian fishing trawler sank Monday in the northern Barents Sea

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	-4	-13	SNY	Los Angeles	18	5	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	22	11	LC
Dhaka	26	15	SNY	Moscow	-7	-7	SNY
Dubai	25	15	SNY	New York	4	-3	LC
Houston	22	18	SNY	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	16	11	LR	Toronto	-2	-6	LC
London	5	1	LC	Washington	4	-4	SNY

EU member states endorse Brexit trade deal

UK lawmakers to vote Wednesday, deal to take effect on Jan 1; EU Parliament's approval not expected till February

LONDON

THE European Union gave the green light on Monday to its post-Brexit trade deal with the UK, clearing the way for it to come into effect in the New Year. The UK parliament will have to ratify the deal later this week, but Brussels will apply it provisionally, cushioning the divorce's economic shock.

Customs and regulatory controls on cross-Channel commerce will still come into effect on January 1 after Britain leaves the EU single market. But there will be no immediate return to a regime of tariffs and quotas that could have disrupted trade after Britain's decision to quit the club.

Sebastian Fischer, spokesman for the German presidency of the EU, said: "EU Ambassadors have unanimously approved the provisional application of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement."

The UK parliament parliament is almost certain to approve the deal | AFP

Under EU procedure, the decision by ambassadors from the 27 member states to endorse the plan will take effect at 3:00 pm on Tuesday. But there is no expectation that any EU members will now slow the adoption of the trade deal, the fruit of a tortuous 10-month negotiation.

Germany holds the rotating EU presidency and Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokeswoman Ulrike Demmer said the coalition government has no objection to the text. "Germany can accept the negotiated accord," she said.

The European Parliament will want to study the deal even after its provisional application and was expected to convene a session in the first half of next year to ratify it. But on Monday, MEPs were discussing the possibility of pushing that date back further to give themselves more time to study the text and to watch how relations develop. The member states' provisional approval will last until the end of February, but EU parliamentary leaders asked on Monday for a few more weeks to arrange a vote in March or April. *AFP*

Smooth sail ahead?

With EU envoys approving the post-Brexit deal, here's what comes next

December 30

The UK Parliament will vote on the post-Brexit trade deal

What could go wrong: There are chances of a revolt by the hardcore Brexiteers in the Conservative Party, who feel the current deal doesn't offer a clean break from the EU.

January 1

The deal takes effect

Bumpy road ahead: Despite the deal, uncertainty hangs over huge chunks of the relationship between Britain and the EU.

2021

The Euro Parliament is expected to vote on the deal sometime in February or March (or even April) next year

MEPs upset: The Members of European Parliament are disgruntled about being sidelined from negotiations, which dragged on till a week before the Dec 31 deadline. They have now demanded sufficent time to scrutinise the deal.

ALIBABA EFFECT

Panic sale by tech giants of assets worth $200 bn

BIEJING

CHINESE tech majors have since Thursday rushed to shed their assets in a bid to avert the fate of e-commerce giant Alibaba, which is being probed by a Chinese market watchdog over monopoly practices. Tencent Holdings, Meituan and JD.com have sheded assets worth $200 billion since Thursday, *Bloomberg* reported.

There is fear among corporations that the government is preparing for a wider crackdown on big business houses.

"The Chinese government is putting more pressure or wants to have more control on the tech firms," an analyst told *Bloomberg* .

Accelerating the transition to an ever more digital existence, the coronavirus pandemic has tightened tech giants' grip on billions of customers' lives. Most of the planet has spent at least part of 2020 in lockdown, and as Western consumers clicked through Google and Facebook, hundreds of millions of Chinese users turned to Baidu, Alibaba, Tencent or Xiaomi.

Governments and users are belatedly coming to terms with the power held by the likes of Apple and Amazon, particularly in focus this year thanks to their role in everything from setting up video meetings to doing our shopping for us. The European Union has unveiled an ambitious set of new rules to clip their wings. *Agencies*

Donald Trump signs bill to punish China over Tibet meddling

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has signed into law a bill that reaffirms the right of Tibetans to choose a successor to the Dalai Lama and calls for establishing an American consulate in Tibet, prompting China to warn that the act will seriously disrupt and hurt bilateral relations.

The Tibetan Policy and Support Act of 2020 modifies and re-authorises various programmes and provisions related to Tibet.

Trump signed the act on Sunday as part of the massive $2.3 trillion package for the year-end bill to provide long-delayed Covid relief and fund the federal government.

The act will seriously disrupt and hurt China-US relations, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian told a media briefing in Beijing.

The Chinese government firmly resolves to safeguard national sovereignty and security, and strongly urges the US to stop using Tibet-related and Taiwan-related issues to interfere in China's internal affairs, Zhao said.

The US Senate last week unanimously passed the bill despite China's protest.

It authorises assistance to non-governmental organisations in support of Tibetan communities in Tibet; places restrictions on new Chinese consulates in the United States until a US consulate has been established in Lhasa, Tibet.

The law now authorises the Office of the US Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues and expands the office's duties to include additional tasks, such as pursuing international coalitions to ensure that the next Dalai Lama is appointed solely by the Tibetan Buddhist faith community.

It also directs the Secretary of State not to open a new Chinese consulate in the US unless China allows the opening of an American consulate in Lhasa.

It is the policy of the US to take all appropriate measures to hold accountable senior officials of the Chinese Government or the Chinese Communist Party who directly interfere with the identification and installation of the future 15th Dalai Lama of Tibetan Buddhism, the successor to the 14th Dalai Lama. *AFP*

Under pressure, Don approves stimulus bill

WASHINGTON

AFTER delaying for nearly a week and under pressure from all sides, US President Donald Trump finally signed a $900 billion stimulus bill Sunday, in a long-sought boost for millions of Americans and businesses battered by the pandemic. The package "providing coronavirus emergency response and relief" is part of a larger spending bill that, with Trump's signature, will avoid a government shutdown on Tuesday.

"I am signing this bill to restore unemployment benefits, stop evictions, provide rental assistance, add money for PPP (Paycheck Protection Programs), return our airline workers back to work, add substantially more money for vaccine distribution, and much more," the president said in a statement from his Christmas vacation at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida. The turnaround came after a day marked by calls from all sides of the political spectrum for action to avert an economic and social disaster, especially for the vulnerable populations. Two federal unemployment benefit programs approved in March as part of an initial Covid-19 relief plan expired at midnight on Saturday, cutting off an estimated 12 million Americans, according to The Century Foundation think tank.

The relief package, which was first passed by Congress on December 21, extends those benefits as well as others set to expire in the days ahead. *AFP*

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5.	Bid Cost:	Rs. 10,000/- Each
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7.	Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal:	From 10.00 hours of 01.01.2021 to 17.00 hours of 13.01.2021
8.	Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal:	**17.00 hours of 13.01.2021**
9.	Opening date of Bid:	**10.00 hours of 15.01.2021**
10.	Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid:	Superintending Engineer jeypore (R&B) Circle, jeypore

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore OIPR 34108/11/0013/2021

China calls on factions in Nepal to bury hatchet

BEIJING

CHINA on Monday appealed to the warring factions of the Nepal Communist Party to properly handle their disputes and strive for political stability as a high-level delegation of the Chinese Communist Party made efforts to bring about a rapprochement between the two feuding leaders.

China rushed a team of officials headed by Vice Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China Guo Yezhou to Kathmandu on Sunday after its high-profile Ambassador to Nepal Hou Yanqi failed to sort out differences between PM K P Sharma Oli and his rival Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'. While China's open meddling in Nepal's politics raised eyebrows, Beijing on Monday sought to defend Guo's visit, saying it was aimed at deepening cooperation between the CPC and Nepal's political parties.

"As a close neighbour, we hope that all sides in Nepal will bear in mind the nation's interest and handle internal disputes and strive to achieve political stability and development," Zhao said.

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CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Venkataramu** S/o Late Venkatappa, aged about 53 years, residing at no. 722, 2nd cross, Shivaram Karanthnagar, R.K. Heggadenagar, Yellahanka, Bengaluru - 560 077, also have another name called **VENKATARAMAPPA** in all KYC's both the names are mine only.. vide affidavit dated 24.12.2020 Sworn before notary **S.R. Ravikumar.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MEER AHAMADULLA S/o. Meer Ghouse, Residing of No. 67, 3rd Cross, RMV Extension, Ashwath Nagar, Bangalore-560094, have changed my name to MEER AHMED ULLA vide Affidavit dated 28.12.2020, sworn to before Notary V. Rajashekhara, Bangalore**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Shwetha Lakshminarayana Acharya, D/o. B.L.Acharya, aged about 36 years, residing at No.1596, 6th Main E Block, Near Navarang Theatre, 2nd Stage, Bangalore North, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010. Karnataka. I declare that my son's names are **VIHAAN ACHARYA & VIHAAN** are one and the same person. Vide Affidavit dated 28.12.2020. Sworn before Advocate & Notary Aruna.V

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, Army No: 14829345F, Rank: NK/MT, Name: RAJESH KUMAR, Permanent Address residing at PANWAR, NANGAL-TEJU, BAWAL, BAWAL, REWARI - 123501, HARYANA. I state that in my service record my mother's name is wrongly mentioned as **GAYAN VATI** instead of her correct name is **GYANA DEVI** vide affidavit dated 28.12.2020 before notary K V MANI, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JASPREET KAUR,** Date of Birth: 02-04-2002, D/o Kawaljit Singh, R/a No. 34, Singh Nivas, Sector-C, Ramareddy Colony, Basawanagar, 2nd Cross, Harathahalli Post, Bangalore-560037 have changed my name from **JASPREET KAUR NARULA** to **JASPREET KAUR** (Correct Name), vide affidavit dated 24-12-2020, before Notary public Advocate **O S CHENGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDY.G. hereby changed my daughter Rishi.L.Reddy's name as **"NIVIKSHA SUMANA REDDY"** for all purposes by means of an affidavit dated 18-12-2020 sworned to before P.N.Nagesha, Notary, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. Suraj Gulecha,** aged about 52 years, W/o. Sri. Kushal Raj Gulecha, **residing at :** No. 51, Flat No. 308, 2nd floor, Ambiance Platinum Apartment, KR Road, Opp. to Basavanagudi Police Station, Basavanagudi, Bangalore South, Bangalore- 560004. My name is mentioned in **a).** As per Indian Passport No. z2192298 : **Suraj Kushal Raj Gulecha b).** As in Adhar Card No. 8779-0483-2921: Suraj Gulecha. **Above names are names of one and the same person i.e. myself.** Sworn before me K.H. Ramadevi, Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, STEVEN. A, S/o Adikal Raj, Residing at No. 140, 2nd Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, have changed my **(OLD NAME) STEVEN. A** to **(NEW NAME) A. STEVEN** vide affdavit dated 22-12-2020, before the notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bangalore .

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAMAN KUMAR PRAKASH** S/o S. Prakash, R/o No. 65, Near Muthamma Temple, Arunachalam, Mudaliar Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560001, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAMAN BOHRA** to **NAMAN KUMAR PRAKASH,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **NAMAN KUMAR PRAKASH** only, vide affidavit dated 23-12-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAMATHA .N.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDY.G. hereby changed my daughter Krushi.L.Reddy's name as **"ADISHA SUMANA REDDY"** for all purposes by means of an affidavit dated 18-12-2020 sworned to before P.N. Nagesha, Notary, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Swati Muchhal, W/o Nipun Ladha,** aged about 31 years, residing at No.836, 12th Main, 4th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560 034. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'SWATI MUCHHAL'** to **"SWATI LADHA".** Vide Affidavit dated 22.12.2020, Sworn before Advocate and Notary B.S. Padma Prasad, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, LAXMI spouse of no. **JC312564N, SUB** Amara Lakshmi Narayana Presently Residing at Korasa Vada (Vill & Post), Patha Patnam (MD), Srikakulam (Dist), Andhra Pradesh (State), Pin: 532214, have changed my name from **LAXMI** to **AMARA LAXMI** vide affidavit dated 24.12.2020 sworn before notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VALLURU GOWTHAMI** W/o Sunil Kumar Bethapudi, R/at No.904 Block, B, Candeur Rise, Next to Vinayaka Theatre, Varthur, Bangalore-560087 have changed my name to **GOWTHAMI BETHAPUDI** vide affidavit dated:28/12/2020 Before Notary **Ganesh Gowda M.V** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **A. PRITHA PRABHU,** W/o. Sri. A. Prashanth Prabhu, aged about 42 years, Residing at No. 229, 3rd Cross, Canara Bank Colony, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore - 560 072, do hereby declare that **A. PRITHA PRABHU, GAYATHRI** and **GAYATHRI RAO @ A. PRITHA PRABHU** all the names belongs to myself only. I state that my correct name is **A. PRITHA PRABHU** vide affidavit dated 24.12.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary K.C. Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) BIDYALAKSHMI DEVI KEITHELLAKPAM, Residing at No. Meino Leirak, Imphal, Imphal West, Manipur - 795 001 presently at Bengaluru have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) BIDYALAKSHMI DEVI KEITHELLAKPAM** to **(NEW NAME) LOVINNA KAUR KEITHELLAKPAM** vide affidavit dated 25.12.2020 sworn before notary V. Srinivasa Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, V. RADHA KUMARI spouse of no. **JC312826Y, NB/SUB VAKAMULLU SATYANNARAYANA** Residing at Belamam (Vill & Post) Amadalavalasa (Md), SriKakulam (Dist), Andhra Pradesh (State) Pin: 532484, have changed my name from **V. RADHA KUMARI** to **VAKAMULLU RADHA KUMARI** and **DOB** from 15.11.1984 to 20.12.1982 vide affidavit dated 24.12.2020 sworn before notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RESHMA BEGUM USMAN,** R/at No.92/41, 3rd Cross, Pemme Gowda Road, Krishnamma Garden, J.C.Nagar, Bengaluru-560046 have changed my name to **RESHMA BEGUM** vide affidavit dated:24/12/2020 Before Notary **N.Shankar** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Manjula N, D/o. Narayana Swamy, aged about 25 years, residing at No. 721, Near Ayyappa Temple, Siddartha Nagar, Jalahalli West, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560015, Karnataka. I have changed my name from **'MANJULA.N'** to **'SAKE MANJULA'** Vide Affidavit dated 28.12.2020. Sworn before Advocate & Notary Prakash.C.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) VIOLET MARY W/o Amul Raj, Residing at No. 17, Chennappa Layout, Jeevanahalli Park Road, Bangalore - 560 005 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VIOLET MARY** to **(NEW NAME) SHOBHA** vide affidavit dated 23.12.2020 sworn before notary S.I Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Service No. JC311925P, SUB S. RAVICHANDIRAN UNIT, BHQ TRG BN-I, MEG & CENTRE, Bengaluru-560 042, have changed daughter name from **R. POOJA** to **POOJA RAVICHANDIRAN,** father name from **C. SOMASUNDARAM** to **SOMASUNDRAM CHINNAPPA** and mother name from **CHANDRAMMAL** to **CHANDIRA SOMASUNDARAM** vide affidavit dated 24.12.2020 sworn before notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagar Division, 2nd Floor, Shakthi Soudha, 13th Cross Road, 4th 'B' Main Road, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560 040.

No:EE/(GRN)/TN/GL-18/2020-21 Date: 28-12-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover Works) (Through GOK e-Procurement portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Govt. Organisations.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Improvements to Road, culverts, drains and footpath at Ranganathapura in Kaveripura Ward No.103.	60.00	1,20,000/-
2.	Re-Asphalting to Roads in MC Layout and surrounding area in Ward No.125, Marenahalli Ward Jurisdictions.	60.00	1,20,000/-
3.	Construction of Auditorium and other Development works near Ganesha Temple at Canara Bank Colony in Ward No.126.	100.00	2,00,000/-
4.	Improvements to Road, drains and footpath at Muneshwara Nagara in Kaveripura Ward No.103.	60.00	1,20,000/-
5.	Providing CC Camera and Lighting Electrification to Parks in Ward No.127, Mudalapalya Area.	98.00	1,96,000/-
6.	Providing Media Center, Repairs to CC Cameras and development and repairs to Parks in Agrahara Dasarahalli in Ward No.105.	65.00	1,30,000/-
7.	Providing CC Camera in Ward No.125, Marenahalli.	70.00	1,40,000/-
8.	Improvements to Road, culverts, drains and footpath at BDA Layout and Kaveripura in Ward No.103.	60.00	1,20,000/-
9.	Resurfacing of bad Roads in Panchasheelanagara and surrounding area in Ward No.127, Mudalapalya.	60.00	1,20,000/-
10.	Construction of Badminton Court in NGEF Layout Nagarabhavi in Ward No.128.	100.00	2,00,000/-
11.	Resurfacing of Asphalt and RCC drains for bad Roads in MC Layout in Agraharadasarahalli in Ward No.105.	60.00	1,20,000/-
12.	Resurfacing of bad Roads in Kaveripura and surrounding area in Ward No.103.	60.00	1,20,000/-
13.	Construction of Dyana Mandira at Kalikamba Temple in Nayandahalli in Ward No.131.	100.00	2,00,000/-
14.	Resurfacing of bad Roads in Chandra Layout 1st Stage and surrounding area in Nagarabhavi Ward No.128.	60.00	1,20,000/-
15.	Resurfacing of bad Roads in ITI Layout Stage 1, 2 and 3 surrounding area in Nayandahalli Ward No.131.	60.00	1,20,000/-
16.	Providing asphalting CC Road and other allied works in Kaveripura Ward Jurisdiction in Ward No.103.	60.00	1,20,000/-
17.	Renovation of Govt. School at Nayandahalli in Ward No.131.	100.00	2,00,000/-
18.	Resurfacing of bad Roads in SVG Nagara and Kaveri Layout in Ward No.127, Mudalapalya.	60.00	1,20,000/-
19.	Construction of Anganawadi building at Nayandahalli Ganesh Temple in Ward No.131.	55.00	1,10,000/-
20.	Providing CC camera and other improvements works in Nayandahalli surrounding area in Ward No.131.	100.00	2,00,000/-
21.	Providing CC camera and other Improvements works in Pantarapalya surrounding areas in Ward No.131.	100.00	2,00,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1). Last date for Receipt of Queries **02-01-2021 up to 3:00 p.m. (2).** Date of pre bid meeting on **04-01-2021 at 3:30 p.m. (3).** Last Date for uploading the Filled proposals is **07-01-2021 upto 4:00 p.m. (4).** Date of Opening for Two Cover bid Technical Proposals is **09-01-2021 after 4:30 p.m. (5).** Date of Opening for Two Cover Financial Proposals **after approval of Technical Proposals through e-procurement.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days and **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Govindarajanagara Division, BBMP

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
380.21	Sensex	47,353.75	₹3	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,158	₹1,400	Per kg	₹72,600	Dollar		73.5
123.95	Nifty	13,873.2	₹3	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,728	₹1.4	Per gm	₹72.6	Euro		89.9

RBI PAPER SEEKS TO MAINTAIN INFLATION TARGET AT 4%

Authors of the research paper — H K Behera and M D Patra — believe that the current target is ideal as it matches average trend since 2014

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

A Reserve Bank of India (RBI) working paper on inflation released on Monday said that the trend inflation just before the outbreak of Covid-19 was 4.1-4.3 per cent and advised colloquially "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," while advocating "maintaining the inflation target at 4 per cent into the medium-term." The current inflation target of the central bank is 4 per cent, plus or minus 2 per cent. In case the inflation goes beyond this, the central bank usually uses a number of tools including holding or raising rates to check inflation.

The paper titled 'Measuring trend inflation in India' co-authored by Deputy Governor Michal Debabrata Patra and a researcher H K Behera, however, is significant as it comes in the backdrop of cries from various circles for lowering the central bank's inflation target in order to allow bank lending rates to come down further. RBI's repo or overnight lending rate which sets the trend for bank lending rates is already at a low of 4 per cent.

The RBI's Monetary Policy committee (MPC) held the repo rate steady at its last meeting three weeks ago as it felt inflation was still too high. Since then there have been hints thrown from government circles that the inflation target should possibly be reworked in light of the needs to push up growth to tackle the Covid-induced economic downturn. Patra is part of the MPC, which in consultation with the government will be determining the new flexible inflation targeting or FIT which was set in 2016, at a meeting in March next year. "A target that is fixed above-trend renders monetary policy too expansionary and prone to inflationary shocks and unanchored expectations. Hence, maintaining the inflation target at 4 per cent is appropriate for India," the paper noted. It added that its model suggests a steady decline in trend inflation since 2014 to 4.1-4.3 per cent just before COVID-19 struck. The underlying decline in trend inflation is a fall in persistence of inflation, indicating that households and businesses are becoming more forward-looking than before as credibility associated with monetary policy increases.

Credibility bonus accruing to monetary policy warrants smaller policy actions to achieve the target. This points to maintaining 4%
RBI working paper

Rural-urban inflation

Rural-urban inflation reveals close co-movement, with episodic divergences driven by components like food and fuel which does not persist in long run, says RBI paper.

Govt to recapitalise banks, plan stake sale post budget

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY
@ New Delhi

THE government has firmed up plans to recapitalise select public sector banks soon after the Budget but would tie-up the capital injection with a set of conditions on improving performance in reducing bad loans and increasing fresh lending. That apart, it plans to work out aggressive plans to sell shares in public sector banks (PSBs) and for outright sale of banks, possibly starting with IDBI, said officials.

In a supplementary Budget in September, the parliament had voted for ₹20,000 crore to be made available for recapitalisation of banks. The government has raised Rs 5,500 crore in recapitalising Punjab & Sind bank by issuing zero coupon bonds at par which cannot be traded. According to top officials, many PSBs including PNB, Union Bank of India and Canara bank will manage their capital adequacy needs by issuing fresh equity for which plans are lined up. The three banks together will raise about ₹15,800 crore.

However, several state-run lenders would still require capital inflows to build up their capital adequacy ratio and a decision on this would be taken soon after a review. "Though the actual erosion of capital because of bad loans piling up is now believed to be of a far lesser magnitude than what we had feared by the middle of this year, there will still be a need for some capital infusion," said officials. "The actual infusion of capital possibly again raised through the zero coupon route will, however, be done post-budget," officials added.

Meanwhile, the government will also announce plans to sell shares in several state-run banks next year and is mulling the strategic sale of IDBI Bank to begin with. A consultant would be appointed to look into these issues and firm up plans for the proposed divestment.

A report released by rating agency ICRA on Monday said public sector banks will need to raise additional capital of up to ₹43,000 crore next year as they have call options falling due on the bonds worth ₹23,300 crore during FY22. "Ability of banks to raise capital will be critical to reduce government's recapitalisation burden," it noted.

₹43,000 cr
Estimated capital that public banks need to raise next year

India Inc raises record ₹1.7 lakh cr from markets

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DEFYING economic slowdown and disruptions caused by the Covid-19, the year 2020 saw a record fund raising through the public equity markets at ₹1.77 lakh crore. The fundraise was 116 per cent higher than ₹82,241 crore raised in 2019 and ₹62,651 crore in 2018, data provided by Prime Database showed. This also marks the second time in the last decade when the fundraising streak crossed the ₹1 lakh-crore mark, surpassing the previous high of ₹1.6 lakh in 2017.

"Strong retail participation in initial public offerings (IPOs), huge listing gains and highest-ever amount raised through qualified institutional placements (QIPs) and infrastructure investment trust (InvITs)/ real estate investment trusts (ReITs) were the key highlights of this year," said Pranav Haldea, Managing Director, Prime Database Group. In the primary markets, there were 15 main-board IPOs which collectively raised ₹26,611 crore, increasing 115 per cent from ₹12,362 crore raised through 16 IPOs in 2019. Previous years of 2017 and 2018, however, saw 36 and 24 main-board IPO come to the market collectively raising ₹67,147 crore and ₹30,959 crore, respectively, the data showed.

According to Haldea, response to IPOs was further buoyed by strong listing performance of IPOs of the year. The largest IPO in 2020 was from SBI Cards for ₹10,341 crore and the average deal size was ₹1,774 crore. Of the 14 IPOs which got listed, 10 offered a return of over 10 per cent (based on closing price on listing date). Burger King jumped 131 per cent, followed by Happiest Minds Technologies (123 per cent), Mrs. Bectors Food Specialities (107 per cent) and others.

However, activity in the SME IPO segment hit an all-time low in the last six years. Data suggests that there were only 27 SME IPOs in 2020, which raised a total of ₹159 crore as against 51 IPOs in the previous year which raised ₹624 crore.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹711.6
Target Price ₹830
M&M

Mahindra & Mahindra is the best proxy on a rural recovery in auto segment, with a strong footing in tractors and LCVs. MM decided to exit five loss-making businesses as part of its plan to exit non-strategic and loss-making businesses. We see twin levers of EPS growth and re-rating.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Sebi plans to rope in independent agency to trace accused entities

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) is looking to rope in an independent agency to trace accused entities, against whom notices have been issued by authorities, and serve summons to them. In a notice issued on Monday, the markets watchdog has invited applications for empanelment of an agency for providing such services.

The work is expected to be carried out by engaging systems through competent manpower such as ex-servicemen, ex-police personnel, investigators, detectives and alike.

Furthermore, the agency would undertake tours to trace the whereabouts of the accused (including absconding) across India, wherever the lead takes them, and for service of the summons and warrant with prior approval of the concerned officer of Sebi. Also, the agency would be required to coordinate with the local police for serving or tracing for the purpose of serving summons, warrants and notices.

In case of execution of bailable/ non-bailable arrest warrants, help of the concerned police station is required, which would require regular liaisioning with the police," Sebi said, adding in case notices or summons are served by hand, the server would be required to depose before court. Spelling out the eligibility criteria, the regulator said the agency should be a registered partnership or limited liability partnership (LLP)/ body corporate, however, joint ventures will not be accepted.

The agency should also have operations in Mumbai for providing services including locating addresses of missing or absconding NPA customers.

EXPRESS READ

Dixon arm to make phones for Motorola

NEW DELHI: Electronics maker Dixon Technologies said Monday it has entered into an agreement to manufacture smartphones for Motorola, pushing its shares up to close higher at 6.23 per cent on BSE. "Dixon's wholly owned subsidiary- Padget Electronics has signed an agreement with Motorola for manufacturing of smartphones. The products will be manufactured at Padget's manufacturing facility situated at Noida, Uttar Pradesh," the company said in an exchange filing on Monday. Padget is one among the few companies which have been approved to get PLI incentives.

Vaccine hope boosts businesses' confidence

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE gradual reopening of the economy and implementation of measures under the Atmanirbhar Bharat package have led to a continuous improvement in the performance of businesses. The prospect of a Covid-19 vaccine early next year has further improved the confidence level of companies with India Inc expecting to perform better in 2021, showed the findings of the FICCI-Dhruva Advisors Survey.

Allmost 74 per cent of the survey participants foresee a significant positive impact on their business once the vaccine is made available. The survey, which was conducted in December 2020, also confirms that there has been an improvement in the performance of companies compared with the situation in August.

With improvement seen in the economy, nearly 40 per cent of the surveyed companies are currently operating at a capacity utilisation level of over 70 per cent as against 30 per cent of the companies in August, the survey stated. Nearly 50 per cent of the companies have reported that they have seen an increase in their order books and about 40 per cent said that their exports have shot up. In the August 2020 survey, the corresponding figures were at 44 per cent and 30 per cent, respectively.

Another major outcome of Covid-19 is the likely shift in global supply chains away from China to other economies. Nearly 70 per cent of the survey participants have said that India could benefit from this move and they expect a fair share of manufacturing to shift from China to India in the near future. The survey results also showed that businesses continue to face challenges on account of weak demand (59 per cent), managing costs (54 per cent) and financial liquidity (48 per cent). Given this, the participants expect both the government and Reserve Bank of India to continue with their support measures even next year. There is a strong demand for growth-oriented measures, including a cut in direct tax rates, in the upcoming budget and the participants are hopeful that the government will prioritise growth.

This momentum needs to be built upon and now all eyes are on the upcoming budget. We are sure that the government will take bold steps to respond to these challenge — Uday Shankar, President, FICCI

FUTURE OPTIMISTIC

Retail sales down by 13% in November: RAI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RETAILERS are looking at 2021 with cautious optimism even as the industry is yet to return to pre-pandemic levels. According to a recent surbey from the Retailers Association of India (RAI), retail sales in the festive month of November were down 13 per cent year, albeit steady sequential improvement was witnessed.

"While the festival and the wedding season aided some recovery for certain segments, the lack of inbound travel of non-resident Indians during the winter has had a negative impact on sales. Retail businesses may get further impacted by international travel restrictions being imposed due to the new strain of the virus," said Kumar Rajagopalan, CEO, RAI. Furthermore, with local level restrictions coming back into play, retailers are marching towards 2021 with cautious optimism.

The industry is now hopeful of achieving about 85 per cent of pre-pandemic levels of business in the next six months. Rajagopalan added that the $854-billion retail industry will need unconventional solutions and government support for recovery.

The 10th edition of RAI's survey conducted among 68 retailers during November noted that sales of consumer durables and electronics category grew at 12 per cent (y-o-y) while food and grocery retailers indicated growth of five per cent. Apparel and clothing retailers have remained under pressure with sales going down by 12 per cent. Quick Services Resturants (QSR) sales were down 25 per cent in November compared to a year ago period, while that of beauty and personal care retailers fell 29 per cent during the period. Jewellery sales also showed a 21 per cent decline over 2019.

Region wise, South and North India performed better. "Levels of recovery differ as restrictions begin to ease in a capricious manner. West and East India are indicating a slower recovery," RAI added.

Flipkart wholeapp app logs 90% transactions growth

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

FLIPKART's wholesale division comprising the app and BestPrice cash and carry stores onboarded millions of small retailers including kirana shops and SMBs due to Covid-led accelerated ecommerce. As a result, the e-tailer's wholesale app witnessed a 90 per cent growth in month-on-month transactions. Encouraging trends have emerged from retailers in small towns who have taken onto e-commerce as a preferred mode to do business at ease. In fact, one in every five customers on Flipkart Wholesale is from tier 2 or tier 3 cities, Flipkart said in a statement.

The growth was led by strong logistics network of Best Price Cash and Carry stores, which Flipkart had acquired from Walmart earlier this year "At Best Price, during the lockdown, we encouraged members to place orders on our e-commerce platform and have products delivered to them. We also launched a revamped Best Price app and website and saw order volumes surge through our e-commerce channels. Our members adapted very quickly to ordering online and we believe this trend will continue going forward. Flipkart Wholesale has also seen tremendous success from retailers who can now order fashion products just at the touch of a button," said its Senior Vice-President and Head Adarsh Menon.

TCS shares hit all-time high, 35% up in 2020

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

SHARES of Tata Consultancy Services(TCS) traded at an all-time high on NSE at ₹2,932 per share, a 0.78 per cent increase from its previous close of ₹2909.3. Shares of TCS rallied 1.3 per cent at ₹2,949 a 52-week high during the intra-day trade on Monday. Total market capitalization of TCS on NSE was ₹11.03 lakh crore.

The shares of the IT companies are on a record breaking spree after Infosys and Wipro announced large deal wins. TCS, also the largest IT services company, had earlier announced a ₹16,000 crore buyback plan for 5,33,33,333 equity shares of the company at ₹3,000 per share, which will close on January 1, 2021.

TCS, CEO, Rajesh Gopinathan during the previous earnings said that the company has a healthy mix of small and large deal pipeline which stood at $8.6 billion for the quarter. The stocks of IT peers like Wipro, Infosys were also rallying on S&P, BSE Index and Nifty NSE. Infosys stock was trading at ₹1240, a 0.3 per cent high and Wipro shares was recorded at ₹382 , a 0.17 per cent increase from the previous close. Analysts have upgraded their earnings guidance for the top four IT service providers.

HIRING SPREE

Employment growth up 22% across e-commerce

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

E-COMMERCE companies in India have actively hired during the pandemic in order to cater to the demand as the COVID-19 accelerated online shopping. According to an analysis by Nasscom research, there was a 22 per cent year-on-year growth in e-commerce workforce in 2020. E-tailing giants Amazon and Flipkart hired 1.4 lakh employees for seasonal/ contractual jobs during the year especially for the festive season which witnessed sales worth $7 billion, a 35 per cent growth over the last year.

The sudden increase in demand has forced companies to drastically step up hiring across the logistics, supply chain, customer care services and engineering divisions.

The research note by Nasscom stated that the demand for talent in the e-commerce industry was particularly high for skills including customer experience, python, analytical skills, information technology. City-wise, Bengaluru and Delhi emerged amongst the top 10 global cities which saw a huge demand for workforce. There was a steady movement of workforce from Delhi and Mumbai to Bengaluru. Cities like Kolkata, Noida, Jaipur and Ahmedabad also emerged as the top hiring hotspots, according to Nasscom.

2020 also witnessed both Amazon and Flipkart leasing over nearly 3 million square feet of fulfilment centres space to address supply chain-related concerns during the Covid-led lockdown. Amazon said it has increased its storage capacity by 20 per cent over the previous year with the addition of ten new centres which brings the total to 60 across 15 states.

"With the expanded network of fulfilment centers, we look forward to creating thousands of job opportunities with competitive pay. Our investment in infrastructure and technology is to provide sellers with closer access to Amazon's fulfillment offerings, customers with faster delivery on a wider selection of products and help ancillary businesses such as packaging, transportation and logistics," said Akhil Saxena, vice-president, customer fulfilment operations, APAC, MENA & LATAM, Amazon India.

Federer out of Oz Open after knee surgery

Twenty-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer will miss the Australian Open for the first time in his career as he continues his recovery from two rounds of knee surgery, organisers said. The 39-year-old has been out of action since February but recently resumed training and was on the entry list for year's opening Grand Slam, which will make a delayed start on February 8.

BANG ON TARGET @ MCG

Disciplined effort by Indian bowlers chokes Australia, raises hopes of comeback win

SCOREBOARD

Australia first innings: 195

India first innings (overnight 277/5): Gill c Paine b Cummins 45, Pujara c Paine c Cummins 17, Rahane run out 112, Vihari c Smith b Lyon 21, Pant c Paine b Starc 29, Jadeja c Cummins b Starc 57, Ashwin c Lyon b Hazlewood 14, Umesh c Smith b Lyon 9, Bumrah c Head b Lyon 0, Siraj not out 0. **Extras:** (b12, lb6, w2, nb2) 22. **Total:** (115.1 overs) **326**. **FoW:** 0-1, 2-61, 3-64, 4-116, 5-173, 6-294, 7-306, 8-325, 9-325. **Bowling:** Starc 26-5-78-3, Cummins 27-9-80-2, Hazlewood 23-6-47-1, Lyon 27.1-4-72-3, Green 12-1-31-0.

Australia second innings: Burns c Pant b Umesh 4, Wade b Jadeja 40, Labuschagne c Rahane b Ashwin 28, Smith b Bumrah 8, Head c Agarwal b Siraj 17, Green (batting) 17, Paine c Pant b Jadeja 1, Cummins (batting) 15. **Extras:** (nb3) 3. **Total:** (6 wickets, 66 overs) **133**. **FoW:** 1-4, 2-42, 3-71, 4-98, 5-98, 6-99. **Bowling:** Bumrah 17-4-34-1, Umesh 3.3-0-5-1, Siraj 12.3-1-23-1, Ashwin 23-4-46-1, Jadeja 10-3-25-2.

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

DAY by day, India are beginning to take control of the Boxing Day Test. On Monday, after taking a 131-run lead, an all-round effort from the bowlers put a series-levelling win in sight of India, as Australia finished at 133-6. Rookie Cameron Green and Pat Cummins with a 34-run unbroken stand have ensured India will bat again. With only bowlers to follow, Australia are staring at a second successive Boxing Day Test defeat against India.

Resuming with a 82-run lead, India added only 49 more, losing five wickets in the morning session. The 131-run lead meant it was up to the bowlers once again to restrict Australia, as batting fourth could get tougher on a pitch beginning to get slower. Though there are no signs of the ball keeping low and inconsistent bounce, India would be looking to complete the job as quickly as possible on Tuesday. Any target above 100 has the potential to make it a close contest, given Australia's attack which has matched India's in the two Tests.

Australia's Steve Smith being castled by Jasprit Bumrah on Monday | AP

While the Indians definitely hit the bed happy on Monday night, they still have things to worry. Umesh Yadav could only bowl only 3.3 overs before limping off with a calf problem, after removing opener Joe Burns with a peach of a ball. While it reduced India to a four-man attack, they rarely took their feet off the pedal, keeping the hosts under pressure with a leg theory that has so far kept Steve Smith quiet. With scores of 1, 1*, 0, 8, he averages 3.33 in this series.

Once Smith was taken out, this Australian batting line-up was not going to trouble India. Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj ensured Umesh is not missed just yet. From a bowling unit with the ability to adjust to any sort of condition, this was another standout effort. Unlike Day 1, the pitch didn't have moisture, nor was there any swing on offer. The bowlers still chose to trust their skills, set fields accordingly and took wickets by building pressure. If Australia's run-rate was 2.69 in the first innings, it was 2.01 in the second, meaning they were made to work hard for each run.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

UMESH MIGHT MISS THIRD TEST TOO

India's injury woes keep growing. On Monday, Umesh Yadav limped off while bowling his fourth over and the BCCI stated that he has pain in the calf. The pacer was taken for scans at the end of the day's play. It is understood that he will not play any further part in Melbourne and not be available for the third Test too, which is beginning on January 7. Full story by **Venkata Krishna B** @ newindianexpress.com

Kohli, Perry sweep top honours

India captain Virat Kohli and Australia women's all-rounder Ellyse Perry on Monday headlined the ICC awards, as they were named the cricketers of the decade. A look at the winners...

Virat Kohli: Sir Garfield Sobers Award for Male Cricketer of the Decade, Men's ODI Cricketer of the Decade.

The 32-year-old was the decade's highest run-scorer with 20,396, hitting the most fifties (66) and having the highest average (56.97) of players with more than 70 innings. He was also the only player with more than 10k ODI runs — 39 tons & 48 fifties at an average of 61.83.

Ellyse Perry: Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Award for Female Cricketer of the Decade, Women's T20I Cricketer of the Decade, Women's ODI Cricketer of the Decade.

The Australian, who swept the women's awards, won four T20 world titles and the 2013 World Cup, scoring 4,349 runs & taking 213 wickets in the decade.

OTHER WINNERS

Men's Test Cricketer of the Decade: Steve Smith (Australia)

Men's T20I Cricketer of the Decade: Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)

Men's Associate Cricketer of the Decade: Kyle Coetzer (Scotland)

Women's Associate Cricketer of the Decade: Kathryn Bryce (Scotland)

Spirit of Cricket Award of the Decade: MS Dhoni (India)

Group training sooner in new SOP

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

UNLIKE in the past, women wrestlers regrouping at SAI centre in Lucknow on Tuesday can now start group training from the eighth day of their arrival. As per fresh standard operating procedures (SOP) issued by the Sports Authority of India, athletes don't have to wait for 14 days before starting group training.

As per the old SOP, the athletes were free to train individually after serving mandatory seven-day quarantine period, but training in groups was allowed only after two weeks.

"The wrestlers have to take RT-PCR tests on the sixth day of their arrival. The report usually comes between 24 hours to 48 hours, which means they can immediately start training in a group from the eighth day if their reports are negative," Sanjay Saraswat, SAI's executive director, told this daily.

Notably, an eight-member Indian para-badminton team had refused to serve the period (7-day quarantine and 7-day of individual training) at the centre last week. They shifted their base to a private academy in the city terming the quarantine period unusual.

As many as 40 wrestlers and nine support staff were named for the camp. For the first time, the camp will also see wrestlers from non-Olympic weight categories.

Prominent wrestlers including Rio Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik and Anshu Malik, the lone Indian medallist (silver) at the recently-concluded Individual World Cup, will attend the camp. Vinesh Phogat will be the notable absentee as she will be training in Hungary and Poland for the next 40 days.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

SA VS SL

Du Plessis, Proteas punish injury-hit SL

CENTURION: Sri Lanka's injury-hit cricketers took a pounding from South Africa's batsmen and bowlers on the third day of the first Test. Former captain Faf du Plessis led the batting assault, hitting 199 as South Africa took a commanding 225-run first innings lead.

Brief scores: SL 396 & 65/2 vs SA (Overnight 317/4) 621 (Du Plessis 199).

NZ VS PAK

NZ take huge lead against Pak on Day 3

MOUNT MAUNGANUI: Pakistan were all out for 239 in their first innings Monday to trail New Zealand by 192 at stumps on Day 3 of the first Test. More than half the runs were scored by Faheem Ashraf and Mohammed Rizwan, who came together with Pakistan in deep trouble at 80 for six.

Brief scores: New Zealand 431 vs Pak 239 (Ashraf 91, Rizwan 71; Jamieson 3/35).

EXPRESS READ

Covid claims Man City's match versus Everton

MANCHESTER: More coronavirus cases at Manchester City have led to the EPL game against Everton being called off. Pep Guardiola's side had previously announced that Gabriel Jesus and Kyle Walker had tested positive for Covid-19 along with two staff members.

Results: Wolves **1-1** Tottenham Hotspur; Crystal Palace **1-1** Leicester.

Harikrishna slips to 10th spot on Day 2

CHENNAI: Indian Grandmaster P Harikrishna slipped to 10th spot after managing just one win and three draws on day two of the Champions Chess Tour Airthings Masters online chess championship. Magnus Carlsen bounced back to the top. He has matches against Lev Aronian, Wesely So and Teimour Radjabov.

BFC suffer second straight loss

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

STEPHEN Eze's second-half strike condemned Bengaluru FC to their second loss in a row. Jamshedpur FC's win at the Fatorda stadium on Monday lifted them to third spot, one ahead of their opposition. The 2018-19 champions dropped down to fourth spot, with 12 points from eight games. From one of the few teams to not lose a match this term, the Blues have now lost two on the bounce. The Red Miners, on the other hand, climbed three spots and now have 13 points from nine games. An impressive feat considering they have now not lost a match against the clubs in the top five.

BFC had the better of the chances, but TP Rehenesh was in a determined mood. The keeper made a few stunning saves including a double save in the first half to thwart Carles Cuadrat's team.

Avoid Plastic Save Rain Water Create Rain Water Harvesting Structure

TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY CORPORATION

Re-Tender Notice No : 154 / 2020 - 2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION EXTENSION NOTICE

Roc. No. E1/7432/2020 (Main) Dt. 28.12.2020

Receipt and submission of tenders as per **Retender Notice No. 154/2020-2021** is **Postponed** due to administrative reason as detailed below.

Details	Date already notified	Revised
Last date for download of Bid Documents	**28.12.2020** Upto 15.00 Hours	**11.01.2021** Upto 15.00 Hours
Submission of bids through e-submission	**28.12.2020** Upto 15.00 Hours	**11.01.2021** Upto 15.00 Hours
Tender Opening Date and Time	**29.12.2020** Upto 16.00 Hours	**12.01.2021** Upto 16.00 Hours

Other terms and Conditions remain unchanged.

DIPR/ 5020 /TENDER/2020 **Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli City Corporation**

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

Bus Route Roads Department

BRR.C.No.B3/4635/2020

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-tenders are invited for the following works as per details furnished below.

(SPECIAL ROAD PROGRAMME -FUND)

Name of the work	No. of Package	Approx. value of the work Rs.	E.M.D. (Rs.)	Eligible Class
Improvements to the Bus Route Roads in various zones	1 to 12	Lowest work value Rs.404.00 Lakhs Highest work value Rs.486.00 Lakhs	1 % of the work value	Class -I

1) Tender last date and time of submission: **28.01.2021** upto **3.00 p.m.**

2) Bid document will be available in website **https://tntenders.gov.in**

3) Tender open date and time: **29.01.2021** at **3.30 p.m.**

DIPR/5014/Tender/2020 Superintending Engineer (BRR)

Government of Karnataka

DISTRICT HOSPITAL, CHIKKABALLAPUR

District Surgeon, District Hospital, Chikkaballapur

Tender Notification

Tender has been invited from Eligible Tenderers for RT-PCR Lab Tost From Covid-19 Hospital, Chikkaballapur in Expression of Interest (EOI) Last Date for submiss of Tenders is **06.01.2021 till 04.30 pm.** More details can be obtained from District Surgeon, District Hospital Chickaballapur Ph: **08156-272388.**

Sd/-
District Surgeon
District Hospital Chikkaballapur

DIPR/Chikkaballapur/Shirdi Sai/ 251/2020-21

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

Avoid Plastic Save Rain Water Create Rain Water Harvesting Structure

TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CITY CORPORATION

Tender Notice No : 151 / 2020 - 2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION EXTENSION NOTICE

Roc. No. E1/8927/2020 (Main) Dt. 28.12.2020

Receipt and submission of tenders as per Tender Notice No. **151/2020-2021, Sl. No. 1** is **Postponed** due to administrative reason as detailed below.

Details	Date already notified	Revised
Last date for download of Bid Documents	**28.12.2020** Upto 15.00 Hours	**11.01.2021** Upto 15.00 Hours
Submission of bids through e-submission	**28.12.2020** Upto 15.00 Hours	**11.01.2021** Upto 15.00 Hours
Tender Opening Date and Time	**29.12.2020** Upto 16.00 Hours	**12.01.2021** Upto 16.00 Hours

Other terms and Conditions remain unchanged.

DIPR/ 5019 /TENDER/2020 **Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli City Corporation**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Sri Praveen Anand,** S/o Sri P. Anand is desirous to sell their under mentioned property to my client and any person or persons claiming any interest on the under mentioned property or any part thereof, is hereby required to communicate the same to me, with documentary evidence at my office at No. F-4, First floor, BASCO Complex, Gandhibazaar circle, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, within 7 days from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the vacant immovable residential Property bearing Site No. 706, Formed by BDA situated at Further Extension of Anjanapura Layout, 9th Block, Bangalore, measuring East to West 9.00Mtrs and North to South 12.00Mtrs, totally measuring 108.Sq.Mtrs, and bounded on:

East by : Site No.705
West by : Site No.707
North by : Road
South by : Site No.723.

M.S. MANJUNATH, Advocate
MS ASSOCIATES
Bangalore Date: 25/12/2020

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

e-Tender Notice

Tender No : SE/PHC/KKD/64/2020-21, 65/2020-21, 66/2020-21, 67/2020-21, 68/2020-21, 69/2020-21, 70/2020-21. JJM 2020-21 (Phase I) Providing FHTCs in (1) Peruvayal GP Package 1,2,3, (2) Olavanna GP- Package 1,2,3,4 Grama Panchayaths in Kozhikode District. EMD : Rs. 100000/- each. Tender fee : Rs. 8400/- each. Last Date for submitting Tender : 07-01-2021 05:00:pm. Phone : 0495-2371046. Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.**

KWA-JB-GL-6-707-2020-21 Superintending Engineer PH Circle, Kozhikode

NMDC Limited

(A Government of India Enterprise)

Khanij Bhavan, 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500028 Telangana, CIN:L13100TG1958GOI001674

E-Tender Notice (Open Tender Enquiry for Domestic Bidding)

RESOURCE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Tender Enquiry No : NMDC / RP /FMS/ 2020 / 02 **Dated: 29.12.2020.**
(MSTC Ref.No.:NMDC / HO / 77/ 20-21 /ET / 707)

NMDC invites bids in e-tender mode on MSTC website (NMDC's e-tender service provider) : http://mstcecommerce.com for the work of "Implementation of Fleet Management System at BIOM-Bacheli Complex and BIOM-Kirandul Complex of NMDC Limited".

For viewing / downloading the schedule of e-bidding and the detailed NIT along with pre-qualification requirements and tender document, prospective bidders may visit MSTC website link: **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/** and register on-line as 'New Vendor'. For further help, the 'Vendor Guide' given therein may be referred. Link to MSTC e-tender platform is also available through NMDC website www.nmdc.co.in. The tender documents can also be accessed from NMDC website: **www.nmdc.co.in** and CPP Portal **http://eprocure.gov.in**

Any corrigendum to the tender will be uploaded only in above mentioned websites. Prospective bidders should visit these websites from time to time to take note of corrigendum, if any.

For further clarification, CGM(RP), NMDC Ltd., Hyderabad can be contacted on **Fax: 040-23536760, Tel: 040-2353 8778, email: horp_fms@nmdc.co.in**

CGM(RP)

KMML *The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.*

(A Govt. Of Kerala Undertaking)

(An ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 & SA 8000 Certified Company)

Sankaramangalam, Chavara -691583. Kollam, Kerala, India

Phone: +91-476-2651215 to 2651217. Fax: +91-0476-2680101, 2686721

Email:contact@kmml.com, URLwww.kmml.com

Competitive Tender are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

No	Tender Id	Items
1	2020_KMML_401093_1	For supply, erection, commissioning and demonstration of performance of turbine and the pump

Chavara 28.12.2020 sd/- HOD (Mtls) For the Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

Our products: Titanium Dioxide, Titanium Tetra Chloride, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sponge

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No	Tender Id	Items
1	2020_KMML_402344_1	Strengthening of U400 and U200 Conveyor gallery

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Gopi Sundar Raj/ Sunder S- 16/21, 1st Floor, Moover Street, East Tambaram, Chennai. Chennai- 600059/ LBBNG00001487814	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property House List No 90/1 No. 70 Presently BMP Ward No. 41 Municipal No. 90/1 (Pid No- 41- 114- 90/1) Avalahalli Village Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk. (Admeasuring An Area Of East- West 22-0 Feet (Twenty Two Feet) North- South 30-0 Feet (Thirty Feet) Total Area- 660 Sq Ft.	09.10.2020 Rs. 17,80,855.00/-	30.11. 2019

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : December 29, 2020 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

Government of Karnataka

Office of the Additional Director General of Police Communication, Logistics And Modernization

No.1, M. G. Road, Bengaluru-560001, Phone: +91-80-22864626, Email: spwireless@ksp.gov.in

Tender No: 05/MDN/STS/W/DIGITAL-VHF/2020-21 Date: 22.12.2020

Tender Notification

(Tender e-procurement portal)

Additional Director General of Police, Communication, Logistics & Modernization, Bengaluru invited tender for Design, Supply, Commissioning and Maintenance of Digital VHF Radio Communication Network for the Districts of Koppal, Chitradurga, Mandya, Udupi Districts and Bangalore City through e-procurement portal. Estimated Bid value: **Rs. 946.94 Lakhs**. Pre-bid meeting on **12.01.2021 at 11.30 Hrs**. The Last date and time for tender submission **21.01.2021, 16.00 Hrs**. Further details can be obtained by visiting e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For more information, please contact the above office.

Sd/-
The Additional Director General of Police Communication, Logistics & Modernization

DIPR/DDU/SHIRDI SAI/2185/2020-21

COVID-19. DO NOT PANIC, BE AWARE

Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, my client Smt. Padmamma, Age: 40 years, W/o: Ramareddy, R/o: No.14, 5th Cross, Madiwala Check-Post, Jogi Colony, Tavarekere Slum, Hosur Road, Koramangala 6th Block, Bangalore-560 095; has acquired ownership & possession of the above said House No.14, BBMP Khata No.PID 66-209-014, measuring EAST–WEST : 14 feet, NORTH–SOUTH: 15 feet, bounded by East: Plot-13, West: Plot-15, North: 5th Cross, South: House of Suresh, from BBMP vide registered Sale Deed No.BTM-I-5691/2017-18, CD No. BTMD122, dated 23-03-2018, at Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar (BTM Layout), Bangalore. Whereas, on 13-12-2020, my client has lost the handbag containing originals of Hakku-Patra, Khata Certificate & Extract, and Tax Receipt 20118-19; near BBMP Office while paying the taxes for the current year. In this regard, my client has lodged a complaint before the Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police on 26-12-2020, and obtained an endorsement of Lost Article Report No.169685/2020, with Serial No.917766. Now, my client hereby notify the people at large that, in the event if any one finds the aforesaid original documents, then the same may kindly be handed over either to my client or to the undersigned counsel. Further, any finder of these original deeds is hereby notified & cautioned not to misuse them or misrepresent the public in any form. Any transactions with such finder is neither binding on my client nor my client be held liable for any financial loss caused to any third party.

Sd/-
B.A. Raviraj. KAR/960/1990,
B.A. Raviraj and Associates
Advocates
No.527/C, 12th 'A' Cross,
Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-64.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client, Mr. KRISHNAKUMAR SREEKUMARAN NAIR, Aged about 52 years, S/o. Sreekumaran Nair Kunjan Pillai, R/o. 'Sreesanth', Athani Lane, Vanchiyoor P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala – 695035, along with his wife Mrs. KALADEVI VALSALA, aged about 50 years, Residing at : Devikrishnam, T.C 38/1504, P T P Nagar Post, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala – 695035 are the absolute joint owners of the under-mentioned schedule property having acquired the same under a Sale Deed dated 21.07.2004, registered as Document No. BAS-1-10427-2004-05, of Book -1, stored in CD. No. BASD82, Dated: 21-07-2004, in the office of the Sub Registrar Bangalore South Taluk.

My Client submits that he has lost/misplaced the Original of the aforesaid Sale Deed dated 21.07.2004, and to that effect he had filed a Complaint with Bangalore City Police on 28.12.2020.

Any person/s financial Institution/s having possession of the above said Sale Deed or has any claim, right, title or interest over the Schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or against the owners of the Schedule property should contact the undersigned in writing **within 30 days** (Thirty Days) of the issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights, after which period any claim or objection will not be binding over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL that Residential Apartment bearing No. C – 504, Situated in the Fifth Floor of the Building C' Wing with a super built-up area of 1905 Sq. Ft, with Two Open Car parking in the multi-storeyed building known as "MANTRI ELITE" presently bearing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Khata No. 2468/440/C/C-504, alongwith 0.501% of the undivided, right title and interest in the property approximately measuring 724.98 Sq. Ft. bearing Sy. No.174/1B and measuring 3 Acre12.96 Guntas situated at Bilekahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk.

Place: Bengaluru, Dated: 28.12.2020

Sd/- Sri. Vinay Paul T.K., Anila Mohandas, Deeksha Anna Paul,
Advocates, 'U & V Legal', Chambers: FF2, 'Gokul Towers', # 86, M.S.R. Road, Gokula, Bengaluru - 560 054.Cell.9448058394, E-mail:vinaypaultk@gmail.com

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2 BENGALURU

Jeevan Mangal Building, 2nd Floor, No.4, Residency Road, Bengaluru -560025

SALE PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULE 38, 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993

TRC No. 336/2018 in OA No. 424/2017

Dena Bank (Now Bank of Baroda) Vs Sri. Venkatesh C. D. & Others

To : 1. Sri Venkatesh C. D., S/o. Dasaiah, Narayana Nagar, 1st Block, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore - 560 002. **2. Smt. Shashikala,** W/o. Venkatesh C. D.Narayana Nagar, 1st Block, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore - 560 002. **..Defendants/Certified Debtors**

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Reserve Price	**Rs.50,00,000.00**
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Given under my hand and the seal on this the **21.12.2020.**

Sd/-
Recovery Officer
DRT-2, Bengaluru

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GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND

A Year Completed, Fulfilling the Promises Committed

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SAAL
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WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Established 22 Fast Track Courts across the state to render swift justice, safety and protection to women & minor girls.

Launched Palash brand to market local products being manufactured by Self Help groups across the state

More than 15 thousand women of Self Help Groups were linked with ASHA (Livelihood Promotion Initiative) for diverse economic activities

Over 16,500 women, associated with the sale of rice liquor have been linked to 'Phulo Jhano Ashirvaad Yojana', to foster dignified livelihoods

EDUCATION

Revamping 5,000 schools from the Panchayat to District level into Model Schools cum Leadership Schools across the state.

COVID- 19

Established Containment Zones, Plasma Therapy Centres, 7 RT- PCR labs, Telemedicine and Aarogya Jharkhand App launched.

Total 47.26 lakh samples tested, Recovery Rate- 97.7%, Mortality Rate - 0.89%

8.5 lakh stranded migrant workers safely brought home by flights, trains and buses.

5 Crore Plates served through thousands of Community Kitchens across the state ensuring no one was hungry.

TRIBAL RIGHTS

Passed a resolution recommending the inclusion of Sarna Adivasi as a separate religion in Census, 2021.

Launched a special Overseas Scholarship scheme for meritorious tribal students to pursue postgraduate studies abroad

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DAY'S DIARY

Virus-free!

The World Health Organization declared the Republic of Guinea to be free of Ebola on this day in 2015 — over two years after its outbreak

ORIGIN STORY

One of the poorest nations in the world, the former French colony was the host for "patient zero"; health authorities went on to record some 2,500 deaths there

QUITE THE SPREAD

From Guinea, it spread to Liberia and Sierra Leone, and seven other countries. By the time Guinea was free of the virus, only Liberia was awaiting such a status

WHAT IT TAKES

A country is declared Ebola-free 42 days after the recovery or death of the final patient and if there are no new infections

AP Arjun to direct a love story

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ROLL UP 2021 ROLL IN

When doors were getting shut in the city, these Bengalureans opened their arms; when touch was taboo, they extended their hands... **SIMRAN AHUJA** joins a few Corona warriors to look back at their initiatives during the pandemic

Illustration: TAPAS RANJAN

HEART OF THE CITY

THE year 2020 gave us a new definition of the word 'warrior'. Shields and weapons have been replaced with PPE kits and face masks as we continue to fight the Sars-CoV-2 virus. The pandemic may be far from over but thanks to our frontline workers, hope prevails. From every member of the medical fraternity and the scientific community, to the pourkarmikas or police personnel of our neighbourhood - this year has proved that a lab coat or khaki uniform are just as effective as Superman's cape when it comes to keeping our city safe. We saw many heroes closer home too - the ones who ensured their area streeties were well fed too, or the migrant workers leaving the city had a full belly on their journey home. The list of good deeds we saw this year is endless, but here are a few Bengalureans who went out of their way to help others, shedding fear and indifference as they emerged corona warriors for those around them.

Migrant labourers being welcomed with flowers at the college campus

A place to call home

During the months when college campuses ran empty, Fullinfaws College on Bannerghatta Road became a temporary boarding facility for workers from Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Tripura, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Bihar and other parts of India. The 2-acre campus housed 350 workers over a course of 90 days. Each worker received a mat to sleep on and three meals a day, with a huge serving of community and kinship, says Navneet Gabriel Fullinfaw, vice chairman and principal of the college, who along with his father, Prof. Desmond T S Fullinfaw, chairman, threw open the doors of their institute to everyone. "Every time a new set of workers came in, the existing set would welcome them with a shower of flowers. Once they entered our campus, it didn't matter what their origin was. They were all treated as one," recalls Navneet, who is still in touch with all the workers, even though this initiative ended on June 25. The labourers also indulged in other activities like debates and football competitions, and movie screenings during their stay at the campus.

It's easy to open up a college and give people a room to stay in. But to open your heart and connect with others during a hard time is truly rewarding

Navneet Gabriel Fullinfaw, vice-chairman and principal, Fullinfaws College

Serving kindness

THE image of throngs of guest workers walking across state borders is one that is seared into minds of many. Some like Mohinder Jit Singh took it upon themselves to do their part and help out. After the lockdown began, Singh started packing and distributing meal packets to labourers. He undertook this initiative as the vice chairman and director of the Indian chapter of United Sikhs. He and his fellow volunteers served over 1 lakh meals in various areas of the city, including the railway stations when the workers boarded the Shramik Special trains ferrying them home. Singh's spell with the infection too seemed to be caused by divine timing. "We ceased the meal distribution in June, after I contracted Covid-19. Luckily, by this time most of the labourers had managed to go back home," says Singh, who for three months spent over 15 hours on his feet for the initiative.

United Sikhs distributed over 1 lakh meals to labourers

The biggest reward from this experience is the appreciation we received from the public, especially when the state education minister came to the gurudwara to thank us personally. The bond we formed as volunteers has also been unforgettable

Mohinder Jit Singh, vice chairman and director, United Sikhs India chapter

Puppy love

SANDALWOOD actor Samyukta Hornad donned a new role during the lockdown. Her initiative of putting together a group of five members who would feed stray dogs soon ballooned into 150 members, with Hornad even being approached by Tejasvi Surya, MP, Bengaluru South, for a Covid Task Force to feed stray dogs in the South Bengaluru region. "It's important for our wellbeing to look after strays, since not feeding them could lead to a plague-like situation," says Samyukta. Besides making an organised system of how many dogs are on the street and how many residents have volunteered to feed them, Hornad also helped organise food kits for makeup artistes, light crew, etc of the Sandalwood industry. She pays credit to her team – Shantala, Anirudh Ravindran, Nanda Girish and Aravind Suchidran – who helped her during these various activities, as she adds that this time made her see the "poisonous" side of owning an excess of things.

I saw the best side of humanity during this crisis – people came together just to feed dogs, with no selfish agenda at all. I've started to look at life in a new way, and realised that helping others can be liberating for you too. — Samyukta Hornad, actor

Mercy Angels volunteers have performed over 800 last rites

Bidding goodbye

At a time when fear towards the virus was at its peak, people like Tanveer Ahmed stepped in to do what no one dared to do. Ahmed, along with others, formed Mercy Angels, a sub-group of Mercy Mission, who true to their name, delivered a dignified send-off to those passed away due to Covid-19. The team performed over 800 last rites ceremonies for different communities according to the required customs. "We've had around 40 Mercy Angel volunteers, some who have done these activities have also moved on to do other things. We have different roles: People who handle calls at the helpline, the ambulance driving volunteers, etc. Actively, we have about 15 who still continue and are ready anytime. We collaborate with other teams like Helping Hands, Almighty Foundation, Archbishop Volunteer Group and others too. Each last rite needs a team and it is totally team work," explains Ahmed, who says the number of people helping out is increasing too. "Now the death rate is low and many people have started helping out since the fear of Covid deaths has decreased and it has become normalised in many ways," he adds. Ways in which this experience has touched his heart are aplenty, with Ahmed even hoping to pen a book soon.

It was a call of duty to help humankind. I realised that nothing is permanent, so one must do as much good each day as possible because you never know which day will be your last

Tanveer Ahmed, volunteer, Mercy Angels

Laying concerns to bed

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. That seems to be the motto of the BLR Student Community, a group that was formed by college students during the pandemic. Moved by the news of Covid-19 patients being unable to secure beds in hospitals, the group, which now has over 1,000 members, raised close to ₹4 lakh to donate 540 beds to a Covid care centre in the city. Their other activities included feeding migrant workers and raising funds to help the security guards and housekeeping staff of hospitals with ration, masks, face shields, etc. True to their name, the group also decided to voice out concerns being faced by students in the city, wherein they submitted two papers to the Ministry of Education about the impact of the pandemic upon students across the nation, and their issues and recommendations for better conducting of SSLC exams. "The voices of students are usually not taken very seriously and that is why we decided to take a stand for our fellow community members," says Dev Bhagat, 21, a co-founder of the group. Their operations came to a halt some months back but they are already planning a comeback with new activities soon.

The drive to help migrant labourers carried out during the first lockdown deeply touched my heart. A small difference from every member of the youth is sure to make a large difference in this society and paint a smile on the face of those who are less privileged

Dev Bhagat, co-founder, BLR Student Community

Students raised close to ` 4 lakh to donate 540 beds to a Covid care centre

Entertainment quotient

With no theatre or live shows, artistes were left with no choice but to reinvent themselves. A few Bengalureans shot to fame, encashing the digital space and entertaining viewers to the fullest:

Danish Sait: Leading the digital medium, Danish Sait started his lockdown conversation series by creating spoofs of characters like Rammurthy avre, Jaya, and more. People were soon making Tik Tok videos of the series. Sait also had an OTT release, *French Biryani*, but the frenzy was nowhere close to that created by his imitations.

Sumukhi Suresh: First, it was the buzz after the release of her series, *Pushpavalli 2*, and then it was her act for Amazon Funnies. Stand-up comedian Sumukhi Suresh made ripples with her three-character act on OTT.

Mikhail Sen: It was nothing less than a dream come true for Mikhail Sen, who played Amit Chatterji in Mira Nair's *A Suitable Boy*. Sen's performance won accolades not just in his home city but across the globe.

Niharika NM: Even after this online content creator moved to Los Angeles for studies, her caricature of south Indian aunties stayed with her. Niharika's videos became popular, and she got a stint in Netflix's Behansplaining, featuring Srishti Dixit and Kusha Kapila.

Ritwik Bhowmik: His debut series *Bandish Bandit* quickly made him a teenage heartthrob. Ritwik Bhowmik, who did his schooling in Bengaluru, said sharing screen space with Naseeruddin Shah and Atul Kulkarni was a learning experience.

Danish Sait

TALKING POINTS

Keeping it main 'stream'

The year started off like any other, with the Chitra Sante and Bengaluru Film Festival launching the cultural calendar of the city. But the pandemic changed the course, with major events getting a revamp:

Bangalore Lit Fest: BLF took a hybrid route, with small offline gatherings, and live-streamed discussions. The event saw prominent authors such as Hamid Ansari and Jeffrey Archer.

Ranga Shankara Theatre Fest: Watching a play on the screen was better than not having access to anything at all. This time, plays by winners of Shankar Nag Award were showcased.

Marathons: This pandemic did the unthinkable, with even the marathons in New York, Boston and London going virtual. Most races required runners to cover a certain distance, which had to be recorded on GPS watches and uploaded on the website.

Fashion shows: The ramp moved online. Lakme Fashion Week had shows shot in real locations, which were later played at a scheduled time. It premiered with Kartik Aaryan oozing glam in Manish Malhotra's collection.

Music gigs: Musicians took the online route as well. One of the biggest year-ending music festival, NH7 Weekender, went entirely digital. Its line-up included The Lumineers, Raja Kumari and Prateek Kuhad. Viewers hosted virtual parties where they played games, and interacted with artistes through a chat feature.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

FESTIVE MENU

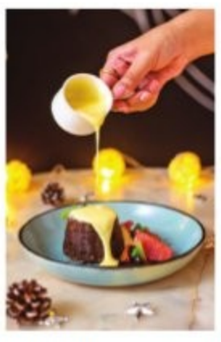
Sly Granny has introduced a new festive special menu, which includes Sweet Potato and Gruyere Croquettes, Braised Pork Belly, and Christmas cocktails like Spiced Apple Pie, Snow Capped Sour, and Mulled wine.
Where: Sly Granny, Indiranagar
When: Till Jan. 5

DAZZLING FESTIVAL

To celebrate the glory and beauty of diamonds, GRT Jewellers are offering up to 25% off on diamonds and uncut diamonds through their Dazzling Diamond Festival. They are also offering attractive benefits on platinum jewellery and oriana diamonds. **Available at:** all GRT stores

HAPPY IN THE TUMMY

Try out a variety of flavoured rices at the 'Biryani & Pulao Collection'. The new menu has been introduced at a price range of ₹625 to ₹825.
Where: ITC Hotels.
Details: 080-61401227, 080-61401205



WINTER MENU

Here's some winter fare that can chase away those chills. Prepared using local seafood, meats, and seasonal produce, the menu contains a mix of warming soups, mains and desserts. **Where:** Smoke House Deli, Lavelle Road and Indiranagar
When: Ongoing

Say hello to the new year with Johnnie Walker presents NYE 2021: The Party You Deserve. At Social branches in city, on **Dec. 31, 4pm - 9.30pm.**

Ethnic wear

Check out the Kala Silk Cotton Expo for some dress materials, sarees and handicraft items from various parts of the country. Collections from 20 states, including Rajasthan, Bihar, and UP have been included in the 100 stalls. When: Till Dec. 29, 10am onwards Where: Sri Dwarka Convention Hall, Nanjappa Circle

Wine for the times

Grover Zampa Vineyards is all set to add to the festive spirit with its latest and newest offering. The fine wine producer introduces bottled mulled wine – One Tree Hill Mulled Wine. This wine gives an Indian twist to this European classic. Priced at ` 650. **For details, visit:** groverzampa.in

Take a bao

Craving some baos? Order these boxes that come with 12 pieces of steamed baos, Hoisin sauce, house soy ketchup, pickled cucumber with fresh red chillies, lettuce and roasted spiced peanuts. For the fillings, you have a choice of Chili Basil Chicken, Char Siu Pork Belly, Cantonese style roasted pork belly and the Soy Garlic Shitake which is a preparation of overnight marinated steamed shitake mushroom.
Price: ₹2,500 onwards
Details: 9606071430

Gift happiness with William Penn

William Penn offers premium products which can be personalised for the perfect gift. Choose from a range of top-notch, iconic fine writing instruments or the timeless classic card holders and wallets, journals, notebooks, bags and tech products. **Available at:** williampenn.net

Velammal's own Margazhi utsav

Velammal School is set to host Digital Margazhi Utsav 2020 , featuring sessions by popular singers Srinivas, Anuradha Sriram, Nithyashree Mahadevan, Shravan, Sai Charan and many others. The festival will be live-streamed at 6 pm till January 5. **Watch it at:** Velammal Nexus YouTube channel.

Ice creams for the season

With New Year celebrations approaching, Havmor has launched four new ice cream cakes – The Chocolate Fantasy Ice Cream Cake, Nutty Caramel Ice Cream Cake, Cookies & Cream Ice Cream Cake and Heartbeat Ice Cream Cake. Prices range from ₹600 to ₹750. **Available at:** retail stores and Havmor parlours

Festive shopping

Phoenix Marketcity Bengaluru is all decked up in Christmas decor that includes a lights display, a Christmas tree, Santa welcoming visitors and more. Shoppers can also stand a chance to win prizes worth ₹1 crore, car, bike, etc.
Where: Phoenix Marketcity **When:** Ongoing

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

PANJIRI

INGREDIENTS

For Nut Mix
- **Makhana (Lotus Seeds) -** 100 g
- **Almond, Cashew, Raisin -** 50 g
- **Dessicated or dry coconut -** 30 g

For Panjiri base
- **Powdered sugar -** 100 g
- **Atta -** 200 g
- **Ghee -** 50 ml

METHOD

- Take ghee in a non-stick pan; once it's heated, roast the makhana on low flame.
- Once the makhana is slightly browned, add the rest of the nuts and continue roasting on low flame. Remove them from the pan once browned.
- Add the nut mix to a blender and pulse it till it becomes a coarse mixture. Keep aside.
- Add the atta to a pan and dry-roast it until it becomes golden brown. Add the powdered sugar and roast for 3-5 minutes before removing it from the heat.
- While the atta mixture is warm, add the nut mix to it and mix it.

- Kaveri Sreekumar, Bengaluru

FIT BIT

ARDHA MANDALASANA

(HALF CIRCLE POSE)

In Sanskrit, ardha means 'half,' mandala means 'circle,' and asana means 'pose'. It is an accessible side-stretching posture. The name refers to the semi-circular shape formed by the leg, torso and arm in the posture. In addition to its physical benefits, it is a particularly beneficial posture on a spiritual level for integrating the solar and lunar aspects of the yogi's being. It is also related to the concept of mandalas, which are circular designs seen as being a microcosm of the universe, with the source of cosmic power, or the true integrated Self, at the center. As the limbs form part of a circle in this asana, it is seen as symbolising the meaning of a mandala.

STEPS

- Sit on the floor in a kneeling position.
- Then, stand on your knees and stretch your left leg out to your side; place the sole of the foot flat on the floor.
- Place the right hand on the floor in the same line as your right knee.
- Now, create a stable seat and make yourself comfortable.
- With the support of your hand, bend your upper body on your right side.
- Now, inhale, lift the left hand over the head, taking it at an angle equal to your extended leg and torso (make sure your palm is facing frontward).
- At this point, keep the pelvis neutral and stable.
- Look straight at your left palm and hold on to this posture for 30 to 60 seconds.
- To release this posture, slowly bring your left hand down and then remove your right hand from the floor and sit in the kneeling position again.
- Repeat this asana on your other side.
- Do at least 10-12 sets of this asana.

BENEFITS

- As it gestures the Universe, a deep sense of connection of the body and the mind is derived.
- Encourages opening of the Muladhara (Root) Chakra and the Vishuddha (Throat) Chakra. Yoga sequence for Root chakra.
- Opens the hips, pelvic area and thighs. It strengthens the diaphragm muscles.
- Lengthens the psoas muscles, with the torso stretch.
- Engages the entire body from the tips of the toes to the tips of the fingers.
- Opens the chest and throat, encouraging endocrine and thymus functions. It improves immunity.
- Improves flexibility of the spine.

LIMITATIONS

- If you have chronic or recent injury to the arm, hip or knee, or have hernia, avoid this.
- Don't practise this if you have inflammation or are suffering from migraines.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

HOW TO SAVE A PLANET
From global warming to climate crises, journalist Alex Blumberg and scientist Ayana Elizabeth Johnson talk to people who are making a difference by asking hard questions to build the future we want.
- On Apple Podcasts

THE SPLENDID TABLE
With food journalist Francis Lam at the helm, this podcast offers fresh voices and surprising conversations at the intersection of food, people and culture – covering everything from the global appeal of sesame to the impact of Instagram on everyday eating.
- On Spotify

THE CUT
The Cut is a weekly audio magazine exploring culture, style, sex, politics and more. Each week, an ensemble of voices, led by host Avery Trufelman, engages in the conversations that matter most in the current moment.
- On Spotify

DARE TO LEAD WITH BRENE BROWN
Dare to Lead podcast is based on author Brene Brown's book under the same name. The episodes will feature conversations with change-catalysts, culture-shifters, and as many troublemakers as possible.
- On Apple Podcasts

SCIENCE VS
There are a lot of fads, blogs and strong opinions, but then there's also Science. Science Vs finds out what's the fact, what's not, and what's somewhere in between
- On Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

CHAKRAVARTHY
Shankar, a humble youth from Madikeri heads out to Bengaluru in search of job. His life changes drastically once he steps up to become an underworld gangster.
- Cast: Darshan, Kumar Bangarappa, Aryan

RAAM
Ram earns his uncle's wrath when he helps his cousin get married to her lover. On another occasion, he ends up kidnapping the wrong bride in order to help a friend. But, a surprise awaits him.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Priyamani

ISHTAKAMYA
Doctor Aakarsh, who is separated from his wife, Adithi, falls in love with another girl, Acchari. He is caught in a fix when his estranged wife comes back.
- Cast: Vijay Suriya, Mayuri Kyatari, Kavya Shetty

JOOT
Eashwaran, a man from a small village, moves to his brother's house in Chennai with his ailing father. However, his life turns upside down when his brother incurs the wrath of a local thug.
- Cast: Srikanth, Meera Jasmine

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 PIXAR: THE MATH BEHIND THE MOVIES BY TONY DEROSE
The folks at Pixar are widely known as some of the world's best storytellers and animators. They are perhaps less recognized as some of the most innovative math whizzes around. Pixar Research Lead Tony DeRose delves into the math behind the animations.

2 MYSTERIES OF VERNACULAR: VENOM BY JESSICA ORECK AND RACHAEL TEEL
How did venom get its poisonous meaning? Jessica Oreck and Rachael Teel follow venom from something to desire to explicit reasons for avoiding a snake.

3 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A REFUGEE BY BENEDETTA BERTI AND EVELIEN BORGMAN
About 60 million people around the globe have been forced to leave their homes to escape war, violence and persecution. The majority have become Internally Displaced Persons, meaning they fled their homes but are still in their own countries. Others, referred to as refugees, sought shelter outside their own country. But what does that term really mean? Benedetta Berti and Evelien Borgman explain.

4 CHOICE, HAPPINESS AND SPAGHETTI SAUCE BY MALCOLM GLADWELL
"Tipping Point" author Malcolm Gladwell gets inside the food industry's pursuit of the perfect spaghetti sauce – and makes a larger argument about the nature of choice and happiness.

5 WHY IS COLONIALISM (STILL) ROMANTICIZED? BY FARISH AHMAD-NOOR
Colonialism remains an inescapable blight on the present, lingering in the toxic, internalized mythologies and stereotypes that have outlived the regimes that created them, says historian Farish Ahmad-Noor. Examining why these narratives persist, he suggests a multidisciplinary approach to reject cultural obsessions with romanticized history.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

LOVE MOCKTAIL (Kannada)
After rescuing a woman, Adi reminisces about his love life and tells her about all the heartbreaks he endured in his quest to find his true love.
Cast: Krishna Adithya, Milana Nagaraj, Amrutha Iyengar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

BHOOT: PART 1 - THE HAUNTED SHIP (Hindi)
A bereaved shipping officer investigates the mystery behind a ghost ship that washes ashore in Mumbai.
Cast: Vicky Kaushal, Ashutosh Rana, Meher Vij
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

BIRBAL TRILOGY (Kannada)
A wrongly accused murderer who is helped by Advocate Mahesh Das despite of various threats faced by them during the investigation.
Cast: M. G. Srinivas, Suresh Heblikar, Rukmini Vasanth
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

CHHALAANG (Hindi)
Chhalaang is a hilarious, yet inspirational journey of Montu, a PT Master from a semi govt. funded school for whom teaching PT is just a job.
Cast: Rajkummar Rao, Nushrat Bharucha, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

LOCK UP (Tamil)
Lock Up follows the lives of sub-inspector Moorthy and constable Vasanth. There is also Ilavarasi, a hard-nosed police inspector who is put in charge of the station the two men work at after the previous inspector, Sampath, is murdered.
Cast: Vaibhav Reddy, Venkat Prabhu, Vani Bhojan
- Watch on: Zee 5

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

KAVALUDARI (Kannada)
Shyam, a traffic constable, seeks the help of Muthanna, a retired police officer, to solve the mysterious case of three skulls found near a Metro construction site.
Cast: Rishi, Anant Naag
- Watch on: Voot

O PITTA KATHA (Telugu)
Two men fall deeply in love with the same woman but when she suddenly gets kidnapped they get involved in the case to rescue her.
Cast: Brahmaji, Nitya Shetty, Adnan Javid Khan
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

FOREIGN

WE CAN BE HEROES (English)
When alien invaders kidnap Earth's superheroes, their children must team up and learn to work together if they want to save their parents and the world.
Cast: YaYa Gosselin, Lyon Daniels, Andy Walken
- Watch on: Netflix

MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM (English)
Chicago, 1927. A recording session. Tensions rise between Ma Rainey, her ambitious horn player and the white management determined to control the uncontrollable "Mother of the Blues". Based on Pulitzer Prize winner August Wilson's play.
Cast: Viola Davis, Chadwick Boseman, Colman Domingo
- Watch on: Netflix

I'M YOUR WOMAN (English)
In this 1970s'-set crime drama, a woman is forced to go on the run after her husband betrays his partners, sending her and her baby on a dangerous journey.
Cast: Rachel Brosnahan, Marsha Stephanie Blake, Arinzé Kene
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

SOUL (English)
Joe is a middle-school band teacher whose life hasn't quite gone the way he expected. His true passion is jazz – and he's good. But when he travels to another realm to help someone find their passion, he soon discovers what it means to have soul.
Cast: Jamie Foxx, Tina Fey, Graham Norton
- Watch on: Disney +Hotstar

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OF HISTORY AND HER STORY

A life so vibrant and mystic, there have been various versions to Meerabai's story. This musical takes a deeper look at the saint's life and times

MONIKA MONALISA

A saint-poet who dedicated herself to the worship of Lord Krishna... Meerabai's life has been etched in the pages of history for her ardent devotion. To celebrate her life and times, a musical called *Meera -The Musical* that has tracks of her lesser-known poems, premiered online. Around 180 artistes took part in the musical, which has been produced by Art of Living. It is a fundraiser for the free education project of the organisation.

A life so vibrant and mystic, there have been various versions to her story. Bharathy Harish, coordinator of Madhurya Creations who has also done the screenplay for the musical, says they had to research the life of Meerabai in depth. "We spoke to traditional folk-storytellers in Mewar, through whom we even felt the deep connection that people have for Meerabai. However, I have heard Bhanu didi (sister of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar) speak about Meera on multiple occasions and her perspectives deeply inspired the approach we took for the screenplay," says Harish.

Several known names, including B Prasanna, Sachin Limaye, Chitra Roy, Srinivas Shalini, and Gautam Dabir, have arranged music for the performance. Renowned artistes such as KS Chitra and Gayatri have given vocals for them. Considering Meerabai a true feminist, the team tried to show the values and strength that Meerabai represented. For instance, Meerabai stopped the practice of animal sacrifice and challenged the custom of 'sati'. Despite being a young princess who grew up in a male-dominated social setting, she showed how she could resolve matters. The team hopes the musical is a learning for viewers. More than 300 people worked for six months on the production.

Another part of the musical was making the show visually appealing. Which is why, a lot of emphasis was laid on costumes which was handled by Madhurya Handloom, which works on revival of traditional fabric. Meera's lehenga, as a queen, is rich in double-layered pink and purple with gota work in chevron patterns and jharoka motifs. Her Vrindavan look was embellished with delicate jasmine flowers on her double-layered lehenga which has an asymmetrical silhouette. As a saint, the vibrant and solid orange represents her consolidated consciousness.

Meera - The Musical can be viewed on the Art of Living website, till Dec 31.

Stills from the musical

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Outward bound and looking inwards

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Not Maldives. Or Goa. During the past couple of weeks, I made touch-and-go visits to two popular destinations within the state, and came back, not with photos of my sun-kissed bare arms, but with pleasant memories collected at unlikely places.

Actually, the one impression that looms large in my mind from the road trips is the feeling that the pandemic has become a distant memory for people. Exit Bengaluru, enter Nelamangala or Bidadi, and the masks do a vanishing trick. It's as if the coronavirus loves the metropolitan life, and has released the hinterland from its clutches. Chai stalls, street corners, police stations (well, at least the area outside; I didn't step inside, okay?), petrol pumps... we could see people's faces everywhere – complete with their nose tips and moving lips. (Caution: Shocking confession ahead) I loved the sight. Maybe because I was watching them from the safe haven of a car, and didn't stare at the risk up close, that I happily soaked in every glimpse of a person I saw roaming about freely without a mask. (Caution: Another shocking confession ahead) Maybe it was because of the relaxed ambience of Hampi on a Saturday afternoon, or the breeze weaving its way through my hair as I climbed up the stone steps to the Anjaneyadri hill, but I too felt tempted to take off my mask at brief intervals.

The biggest joy of the trip was, however, waiting for me right at the foot of the hill that is believed to be the birthplace of Lord Hanuman. A few huge posters erected on either side of the path showed the monkey god in all his glory, rippling muscles visible on his bejewelled arms, every bit of his kneeling posture effusing his devotion to Ram and Sita, who gracefully stood behind him as guiding lights. Printed in tiny font size on the right hand corner was the credit: Abdul Kareem, Tanveer Photo Studio. A mobile phone number was sandwiched between the text. I am not sure if the overwhelming feeling I got at the holy spot was purely due to some inexplicable devotional reasons.

The other one-night trip I made this fortnight was to another religious spot – the Chamundeshwari hill near Mysuru. And this time, I felt a tiny burst of happiness when I brought a smile to a stranger's face – and saw it too. The salesperson at the petrol bunk we stopped by on the way, was, expectedly, wearing a mask on his chin. But I didn't mind it – sitting as I was in the car – when he grinned widely as soon as I answered his query in broken Kannada. Brief exchanges about the transaction later, marked by essential keywords from my side, he beamed some more, and said, "You speak my language very well." My confidence and his regional pride boosted, the trip once again showed me that we can indeed be a country to cherish.

Not an unfavourable thought to end a traumatic year with, I guess. Onward to happier times like these, hopefully.

Illustration
Tapas Ranjan

This new card game created by two Bengaluru-based women, who hail from Kerala, celebrates Malayali culture, Mollywood and more

Playing with PRIDE

SIMRAN AHUJA

You may take a Malayali out of Kerala but you can't take the love for Malayalam pop culture out of a Malayali. Or so it seems from this new game developed by two Bengaluru-based women who hail from God's own country. Called Malayali Aano, the new game by Sona Zainab Harris and Rose Mary Jacob is a card-based game that draws heavily from Malayali pop culture, popular phrases, movie characters, food, stereotypes and other such trivia.

The game needs at least four players and can be played by anyone aged 18 and above

Those who have played the popular party game Cards Against Humanity need no introduction to the rules of Malayali Aano, whose tagline is: 'A party game for devil's own people'. It consists of 500 cards, of which 100 have questions on them while 400 have statements, movie dialogues, or phrases that could work as an answer. One player picks a question card, others throw the quirkiest answers from the 10 they possess into a pile.

The player that poses the question reads out each question-answer pair, laughter ensues and the most creative or whackiest answer wins. A minimum of four players is mandatory, with more being merrily encouraged. "Each statement in the answer card is iconic in its own way but when set to the context of another question, it can incite a laughter riot. Since we've picked out trivia from the 1980s to now, the nostalgia factor is high as well. Any player aged between 18 and 45 will find something to remind them of their childhood, adolescence, first romance, parental relations or their connection to Kerala," says Harris, the founder and creative director of Backflip Design Studio.

But it is not just fun and games. It also helps bring up important conversations. "When you hear certain dialogues – for example, 'You are just a woman' from the film The King – you don't think much in the context of the plot. But isolating such things and using it in the game makes people see that it could be problematic too. Humour can help break barriers with topics like sexism, classism, misogyny, etc," says Jacob, who is also the founder and curator of the pop-up My Cup of Tea.

The two women took a month to develop the content of the game. It makes use of, what Jacob and Harris refer to as, a "Manglish" script. There is also a leaflet with a QR code that can be scanned to understand the translation and reference of the answer cards. The game is meant for those aged 18 and above, with some players even finding it to be an effective ice breaker with their parents. "One player told us he never thought he would talk to his father about the topics included in the game. But they had a good laugh about it, so it can help different generations bond better too," says Harris.

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> Sona Zainab Harris, creator of game

The game is available on malayaliaano.com for ₹1,899

CITY READ

College holds tech event

Tech Transform, the technical symposium of BMS Institute of Technology and Management was held recently under the name 'e-Tech Transform 2020' in association with Institution's Innovation Council (Ministry of Education Initiative). Tech Transform provides platform for the students to understand the tech changes that are happening in various disciplines. It encourages budding engineering students to exhibit their talents.

Partnership to offer AI-based customer service

Karnataka-based multi-state cooperative society Tumkur Merchants Credit Cooperative Limited (TMCC), aims to offer Artificial Intelligent-powered banking experiences to customers through its partner ship with Interface, an Intelligent Virtual Assist ant(IVA) provider for financial institutions. "For us, it did not make sense to follow the traditional banking model of going just digital when we can offer far better experiences leveraging Artificial Intelligence," said Dr N S Jayakumar, president of TMCC.

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Relaxed vibe

Looks like actor Samyuktha Hegde is have a relaxing year end. Posting a happy photograph of herself, she asked for suggestions for the caption. "Caption this for me!!! I'll pin the top 3." Needless to say, the comments were galore and tickled the funny bones. Sample this: When your mom asks you to stay in the same position whilst she's mopping the floor.

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

Laughter, love & life

There's a meme going around with the popular Hollywood actors Will Smith in tears from an emotional interview he did a while ago, with the caption, "Do you realize 2021 is really us saying 2020 won?" and there's another going around saying 2022 is actually 2020-2, a sequel under production as the novel coronavirus takes a break in between to mutate, as if this was some horror movie and we were going to see Son of Chucky or something like that.

This year, more than most before it, is bringing up humour like this. Perhaps the only other year in our lifetime that we saw so much joking about was the end of the previous millennium and the birth of 2000, with all the brouhaha over the so-called millennium bug which people thought was going to cause all sorts of glitches and there were these nightmare scenarios being painted of flights falling out of the sky as the clock struck midnight in different pockets of the world, nuclear warheads getting launched without anyone wanting them to be launched, massive power surges that would destroy all electronics, and all other such doomsday predictions. People joked then about the millennium, the end of the '90s and a lot of the joking was at the expense of computer engineering and information technology experts. People joked about how some had left their spouses thinking they can blame the millennium bug for destroying marital records, tax records and what not.

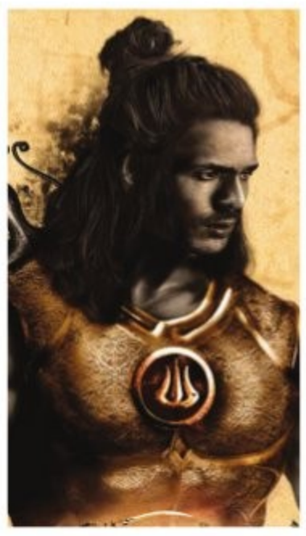
In the end, the millennium was born anyway without any disaster in sight, and has trundled along for two decades. The jokes made then have been largely forgotten as well. Maybe in another two decades, nobody would remember Covid-19 or all the restrictions we have had to bear in 2020, the families that were thrown in together and locked in whether they wanted or not, the people who were separated whether they wished it or not and the loneliness people experienced. Maybe life will be so great we won't remember, or it would be so terrible we will be nostalgic for these jokes.

One doesn't know, but what one does know is that humour is the ultimate tool for situations of strife and struggle that has the power to take the wind from the sails of all the trouble that we experience, to give ourselves moments of respite and in the shared laughter, a sense of renewed connection or a trust that we may be going through rough times, but we are solidly connected, that we can still laugh at some things together.

Sometimes, it helps to remind ourselves that even when love itself seems jittery, humour keeps relationships going. Our life and our world might be nothing to laugh about, but a joke or two can keep us laughing and hold our spirits high enough for us to find hope again, and in that hope, to rekindle our love for ourselves and the people around us.

Go on. Share a meme. Laugh a little.

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)



No actor has been approached yet: Suheldev producers

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IT was recently rumoured that Akshay Kumar has turned down the titular role in Suheldev, an upcoming adaptation of Amish Tripathi's new book, Suheldev – The King Who Saved India.

However, in a statement, the producers of the film have clarified that no actor has yet been approached for the project.

Wakaoo Films, Casa Media and Immortal Studios have issued a joint statement saying, "Nobody has checked with us before carrying these stories, and hence we felt the need to clarify and inform the public about the film's progress till date. Suheldev is a mammoth project, and also a huge responsibility on us, as we are telling the story of one of India's greatest unsung heroes.

"Right now, the book is being adapted into a film screenplay. Once the script is locked, we will begin the process of casting etc. It would be premature for us to approach an actor before that.

"No actor has been approached by us yet for playing the role of King Suheldev. All reports and speculation coming in from certain sections of the media are unnecessary and completely untrue.

"Suheldev is a film that should be celebrated by every Indian. Once the script and the actors are locked, we'll officially make a grand announcement. Till then, we request the media to be patient and let us continue with our job of developing this important film."

The film is an epic story of King Suheldev, who fought to drive the all-conquering Turkic hordes away from India. The film has its author, Amish, as the official creative producer on the project, and will be directed by the award-winning ad filmmaker Senthil Kumar.

AP ARJUN TO DIRECT A LOVE STORY

KISS hero Viraat is likely to headline the project for which shooting may begin next month

A SHARADHAA

DIRECTOR AP Arjun's film with Nikhil Kumaraswamy is going on floors in May or June next year. But before that the *KISS* director will start another project. This will be the director's sixth film, and his second venture to be made by his production house, AP Arjun Films. The director of films like *Ambaari*, *Addhuri*, and *Airavata* is said to have come up with a love story. As far as the casting is concerned, there is a strong buzz that the director is planning to bring on board *KISS* hero Viraat to play the lead role. The latter, who made a transition from television to the silver screen, came into the limelight with his first romantic drama, which also marked the debut of Sreeleela. However, an official confirmation is awaited by the director and producer, who are likely to announce the project soon. The shooting for the project is expected to begin from the fourth week of January.

AP Arjun

Viraat

For Regn shooting begins at Udupi with a duet

The romantic drama starring Pruthvi Ambaar and Milana Nagaraj is directed by Naveen Dwaraknath; Aravind Bolar joins the castw

Pruthvi Ambaar

Milana Nagaraj

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THE shooting of *For Regn*, directed by Naveen Dwarakanath, is starting on Tuesday at Upudi. The lead pair of Pruthvi Ambaar and Milana Nagaraj will begin the filming with a duet. This is going to be a five-day schedule, which will span Udupi and Mangaluru, before winding up in Sakleshpur.

Debutant director Naveen is a techie-turned-filmmaker who has earlier made documentaries and short films like *Shadow*, *Harivina Haadi*, and *Yellow Board*. He caught the attention of film lovers with the title *For Regn*. The film is a romantic comedy that has the *Dia* hero and *Love Mocktail* heroine coming together for the first time. It also features Tabla Nani in a key role, and the makers have brought in famous veteran Tulu comedian Aravind Bolar, who will also be a part of the first schedule. *For Regn* also stars Sudharani, Babu Hirannaiah and Sudha Belawadi in prominent roles. They are expected to join the second schedule in Bengaluru from mid-January.

The film is produced by Naveen Rao. It has music by Harisha R and cinematography by Vivek SK.

Anu Menon to reunite with Abundantia

AFTER the Vidya Balan-starrer, *Shakuntala Devi*, director Anu Menon and Abundantia Entertainment are reuniting for a new project. A murder mystery, the upcoming film is in the final stages of writing. Principal photography is expected to begin in April-May 2021. Anu shared, "I am happy that Abundantia Entertainment is the home to my new film as well, and I hope we receive the same love from the audience as we did for our first collaboration together."

Irrfan Khan's last film to release in 2021

The Song Of Scorpions, the last film of late actor Irrfan Khan, is set to release in early 2021.

Directed by Anup Singh, the drama revolves around an independent young tribal woman, who tries to overcome a brutal betrayal so as to find her voice. Irrfan, who died in April this year, will be seen in the role of a camel trader.

The Song of Scorpions, which premiered at the 70th Locarno Film Festival in 2017, also stars Waheeda Rehman and Iranian star Golshifteh Farahani.

"The Song Of Scorpions is a special story and it is truly an honour for us to present Irrfan Khan's final performance in it. We will be offering this film to the audiences as a tribute to the beloved star of Indian cinema," said Abhishek Pathak of Panorama Spotlight, one of the producers of the film.

"We feel blessed that we are the chosen ones to present this gem to the world," said Gyan Sharma of producers 70 MM Talkies.

Irrfan passed away on April 29 at the age of 54. He was admitted to Mumbai's Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani hospital with a colon infection. However, he succumbed to his ailment.

— IANS

Jaggesh-Guruprasad's *Ranganayaka* gets officially launched

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THE talk of Jaggesh and Guruprasad coming together for *Ranganayaka* has been in the air for some time now, and the development finally got an official stamp on Monday, with the makers commencing the project with a muhurath. The actor also took to his Twitter handle and announced his upcoming film, adding that it was launched with a Brahmi muhurath at Raghavendra Swamy temple, Basavanagudi. The two, who had previously collaborated for *Matta* and *Eddelu Manjunatha*, are now ready to come with a humorous subject in their next.

Actor Jaggesh and director Guruprasad along with Team *Ranganayaka*

Kannada film lovers expressed their happiness on social media about the duo teaming up again. The production house, Vikhyath Chitra, is likely to begin shooting from mid-January. The team is said to be coming up with a huge palace-like set-up in one of the studios in Bengaluru, where they will begin the shoot. While Jaggesh will play the lead role and Anoop Seelin will compose the music, the rest of the cast, including lead heroine, and the crew is left to be finalised.

Jaggesh will also be seen in *Totapuri*, a film directed by Vijayaprasad and produced by KA Suresh, which will be out in two parts.

Sonam Kapoor starts shooting for *Blind* in Glasgow

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THE shooting for *Blind*, an action thriller starring Sonam Kapoor Ahuja, began today in Glasgow, Scotland. The Shome Makhija directorial venture is expected to be completed in a start-to-finish schedule.

Billed as an edge-of-the-seat thriller, *Blind* is about a blind police officer in pursuit of a serial killer. Originally made in Korean in 2011, *Blind* has been remade in multiple languages over the years.

Apart from Sonam, the film also stars Vinay Pathak, Purab Kohli and Lilette Dubey in pivotal roles.

Produced by Sujoy Ghosh, Avishek Ghosh, Manisha W, Pinkesh Nahar, Sachin Nahar and Hyunwoo Thomas Kim, Blind is slated for release in 2021.

Meanwhile, Sonam, who last headlined *The Zoya Factor*, was recently seen in a cameo in *AK vs AK*.

Wonder Woman 3 in development at Warner Bros

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Wonder Woman is officially returning for a third instalment. The Warner Bros announcement comes just days after the release of the second film in the series, Wonder Woman 1984. It also states that director Patty Jenkins will return to write and direct the third film.

The fan-favorite superhero Wonder Woman, portrayed by Gal Gadot, has been in the DC Entertainment Universe since her appearance in the Dawn of Justice: Batman Vs Superman, and the enormous reception that the first Wonder Woman film received propelled it into one of DC's most successful franchises. The second film, *Wonder Woman 1984*, stars Gal Gadot, Kristen Wiig, Pedro Pascal and Chris Pine in the lead roles, and is written and directed by Patty Jenkins

According to Variety, the third movie will have a 'traditional theatrical release' rather than the simultaneous HBO Max release that the studio has been opting for.